

Angel Network Board Meeting  
Sept 11, 2023 at 5:30pm

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Alicia Chase, Shelby MacLeish, Erin Rawitch, Stephanie Ocegüera (phone), Matt Monahan, Tabetha Rathbone, Melanie Boyer

Absent: Jess Baker, Whitney Kay

1.) Approval of Minutes – August minutes approved. All in favor, none opposed.

2.) Public Comments - none

3.) Financial Report

Savings: \$14,989.53

Checking: \$15,354.54

Total: \$30,344.07

Ommegang: Matt deposited \$3,177 in tips from the event and we received \$21 in Venmo. Matt delivered a check to the SPCA for \$1,600.

School Supplies: Erin, Alicia and Martha's help with inventorying leftover supplies at MNC was very helpful! We had exact amounts needed this year. Also, Matt was able to use tax exempt at Staples and an educator discount, as well as an educator discount at Target. We did not purchase any more backpacks since the original order, because we had spares on hand and received a number of used backpacks from our drive.

Amazon \$689.18

Staples \$1,579.11

Target \$206.80

Land's End \$1259.04\*\*\*

Total: \$3,734.13

\*\*\*\$1,500 donation from Catholic Church to offset backpack expenses.

School Snacks: Amazon shipments have resumed. Prices fluctuate some month to month but it will be roughly \$200 per month split between high school and grade school. Our first shipment is \$190.41 set to be delivered Sept. 6th.

Tax Exemption: Matt did some research and while we were set up as Tax Exempt with the IRS and Federal Government we were not like that for the state. Matt has filed forms with the state to get us sales tax exemption. That will take 6 - 8 weeks but then Matt can get us setup for tax exempt purchases with Amazon, Walmart and Target.

4.) MNC Updates - A fun party was held on August 16th for MNC volunteers and to give gifts to Chloe Ward, Erin Griffith and Electa & Jim Morse for their many hours of service. We have connected with the two colleges in Oneonta, Hartwick and SUNY Oneonta, because we have too many business suits.

Several will be taken down next week for them to distribute. We are still looking for a few more volunteers for Saturdays and hoping that our change of hours from 9-1 to 9-12 will help us find more persons willing to work on Saturdays. We are also clearly serving students from Cherry Valley and Richfield Springs as well as Cooperstown Central School. The need is great for many.

New idea: Martha attended the Art Garage talk on public transportation in Otsego County and it occurred to her that perhaps we could seek help from Bernie Bus or the Get There program, that provides rides for specific needs. Perhaps we could develop a transportation solution for some of our families who never seem to come to MNC?

#### 5.) Old Business

- Mohawk Valley Gives Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Reminder to the Board that they should go and share the AN Facebook posts for Mohawk Valley Gives to remind other people to donate to us that day. The window to donate is actually September 13<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, and the main focus day is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Alicia created and scheduled Facebook posts. Erin will handle emails going out on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21st and 26th.
- School Supply Recap - Overall the program went really well. We purchased the correct amount of items for this year with minimal leftovers. Most leftover school supplies went to the elementary school for teachers to use during the school year. Leftover backpacks were sent to MNC. There are still a few supply kits leftover at MNC that were not picked up. Erin will check which names are still left to pickup supplies and let Alicia know so she can call/text those families to come and pickup their stuff. Erin will also look for the big box of backpacks at MNC. The school supply request form is updated for next year. We should ask the Catholic Church to help again next year with volunteers to put the bags together. It was suggested next year when the parents pickup the kits we should ask them "What grade is your child going into?" as some parents may have picked up the incorrect grade.
- Ommegang Recap - We only made about \$1600. We were originally under the impression that we would make \$6000-\$8000 between tips and a donation from Ommegang. We only received tips, which we split with the SPCA. The event was pretty chaotic and wet. We were originally told that we would only be in charge of the beer tent, but on the day of were asked to also help with checking tickets and other administrative tasks. Ommegang has new people in charge of the event, which may be why things changed from the original volunteer plan. However, overall we had a great time and it was a team building event for AN. It was fun but probably wouldn't not worth it to do again in the future.
- Parking Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - The Railroad has offered for us to use their parking lot to sell parking for the Savannah Bananas game. We will charge \$20 per car, cash or credit card. Parking will be open starting at 8am until we fill up. We will need volunteers both helping at the lot and holding signs on various streets to alert people where to park. We will bring brochures about Angel Network as well as maps (100) to show people how to walk to Doubleday Field. We will also sell waters and maybe pre-packaged snacks. Erin will send out an email and make a post on Facebook letting people know about parking.
- Ommegang Mix and Mingle - It was a great event, but maybe we will hold on doing it this year and shoot for Fall 2024 instead. This year we could try to do something for the Winter Carnival- a cocktail hour? A family event? We have time to brainstorm.

## 6.) New Business

- Drop boxes for E-School and JR/HS – Miriam will talk to schools about getting a mailbox in each school for confidential correspondence between families and the guidance counselors and AN.
  
- Back to School forms/Holiday Forms/Communication
  - Back to School- just send a flyer/letter introducing families to AN and what services we provide. We will not include intake forms with this intro letter.
  - Holiday forms- Include intake forms with the holiday assistance request forms. Shelby is going to take over the Holiday gift program from Jess. Jess will still be helping this year. We will use a physical form this year rather than solely online. This form will go out in mid/late October and be due back around November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
- Donor at Methodist Church has \$1500 to donate toward clothing for children in the community. AN will put this donation toward snow pants, gloves and hats. Everyone should keep their eyes out on snow gear deals in the next few weeks so we can stock up before the Holiday gift event.

Meeting adjourned 6:34pm

Next Board meeting October 2nd @ 5:30pm CSC