

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023 at 5:30pm

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Shelby MacLeish, Erin Rawitch, Matt Monahan, Stephanie Ocegüera, Tabettha Rathbone, Alicia Chase, Laurie Williams

Absent: Martha Clarvoe

1. Approval of October Minutes – approved. All in favor, none opposed.
2. Public Comments- None
3. Financial Report – Donations for Christmas are starting to come in. We currently have \$15,000 in savings and approximately \$17,500 in checking. Big expenses in October were \$500 in gas cards to school counselors to give to families in the District who need help. AN will plan to maybe do another gas card drive in Jan/Feb 2024. Any additional requests for gas cards in the meantime we can handle and will keep them at MNC for people to pickup.
4. MNC Updates – Martha will come up with a survey to give out during Christmas gift pickup to families regarding any barriers to them not using to MNC.
5. New Business
 - a. Board Openings- currently have 2 open positions. Elections for the board will also be held next month in December.
 - b. Holiday Program Update and Plan of Action (Shelby) –
 - i. Dates and Location: Everything will take place at the Methodist Church again this year. It worked really well last year.
 1. Dec 6th- drop off in the morning for donors.
 2. Dec 7th – review all gifts to find gaps and shop where appropriate for missing items.
 3. Dec 8th – 3-6pm gift pickup for families. Can one or two people be there for the “late shift” from 5:30-7pm?
 - ii. Families- All families have sponsors. 41 families signed up. Around 104 kids total will be served.
 - iii. Sponsors – We have enough to cover all kids/families.
 - iv. Snow Pants – AN was gifted \$1000 to cover the cost of snow pants. 80 kids asked for snow pants. Angel Network will order all 80 pairs from Lands End so sponsors don’t have to buy them. The additional funds will come from both sponsors who just pledged money and Angel Network.
 - v. Wrapping Paper- Melissa Manikus donated all of the wrapping paper last year. We’ll ask her if she can donate again this year.
 - vi. Last Minute Shopping - Laurie has people who are willing to shop on Dec 7th for any last minute missing items. She also has people willing to help on Dec 6th to collect gifts.
6. Requests
 - a. Family currently in Cooperstown is moving out of district in a few weeks because of some health issues for the parents and rent is becoming too expensive. They are behind on many bills and are requesting help. They will send photos of bills: electric, car insurance, etc. Rent is not one of the outstanding bills. AN Board approved \$350 for now and we will see what additional bills they present to us. All in favor. None opposed.

7. It was suggested to get gifts for Jess and Maryann for helping with the Christmas Gift Program for so many years. The AN Board decided on \$75 each gift cards for dinner at Mel's. All approved. None opposed.
8. Annual Appeal Email on Giving Tuesday. We will send out this year. Erin will pull what we sent out last year. Matt and Miriam will get us numbers on what we spent on items in 2023. We anticipate many requests for help with heating bills this winter and HEAP has decreased the amount that they will help with.
9. Thanksgiving – A donor at the Methodist Church wants to help cover the costs of Thanksgiving dinner for families in the community who may need help. Erin will send out an email to everyone asking if they need help. People need to respond by Sunday, Nov. 12th. The email should include *Must be enrolled in the Cooperstown Central School District, as we had a few out of District families apply for help with Christmas gifts. Shelby will send emails for any out of District families who should be removed from Mailchimp.
10. School Lunch – Do we want to cover families who have outstanding lunch balances? These are not families with free/reduced lunch but they are right on the edge. Shelby will find out how many families, total debt, do they qualify for reduced or not. This is ONLY debt for lunches (not snacks). This may be something that we'd like to help cover for families in the District once we understand the scope of the debt.

Next Board Meeting: December 4th at 5:30pm CSC

6:18pm meeting adjourned