Angel Network Minutes January 8, 2024

- 1. Call to Order-Laurie Called the Meeting to Order at 5:30
 - a. Present: Miriam Murray, Shelby MacLeish, Alicia Chase, Laurie Williams, Erin Rawitch, Tabatha Rathbone, Loretta?, Martha Clarvoe, Erin Field, Stephaie Ocequera. Absent: Matt Monahan
- 2. Approval of December 2023 Minutes:
 Miriam Motioned, Alicia Seconed, All Approved
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Matt not here but report given for approval.

December 2023 Financials:

Account Balances:

Savings: \$16,650.34 Checking: \$18,166.85 Total: \$34,817.19

Expenses:

\$802.50-Christmas Gifts, Secret SHopper Reimbursement \$9,900-Grocery Cards \$200-MNC Rent \$33.59-TracPhone Prepaid Card, Reimbursement Miriam Murray \$224.35

Donations:

\$5,459.80

Old business:

Christmas Exchange Wrap Up: Any Feedback? Anything we should change next year? Laurie felt everything work well and the program ran smoothly.

Shelby asked if there was a way we could slightly expand the Christmas gift exchange using our donors so we can reach more children? She pointed out that there are many donors who only want to donate/buy Christmas gifts through the Angel Network so how can we leverage that generosity? Others suggested we work with other local organizations to connect with more kids.

Ugly Sweater Run

Gym is excited to partner with Angel Network more, Gym a great partner. Martha and Laurie got a check-about 1600.

New Business:

Conflict of interest disclosure form for 2024. Please sign a form and Laurie will scan it into the board binder

Nycon renewal- Matt suggested we renew our NYCON membership for 80/year. We have used NYCON for our strategic plan, bylaws, liability and insurance.

Martha moved, Alicia second-All in favor

High interest CD- Matt suggested we move \$10,000 and leave it there for a year.

Martha motion, Erin seconded

School Lunch Debt

We discussed relieving the school lunch debt. An idea first discussed in the fall. CCS currently carries approx \$1900 in debt.

Shelby will circle around with Missy Rathbun to figure out the best way of helping.

MNC-Martha stated we have caught up on donations but are not ready to accept again.

Discussion around gas cards. Should we purchase more for MNC? Also, has the school used all of their gas cards? We have given \$50/cards in the past but Stephanie pointed out that \$50 doesn't buy you much gas.

Laurie motioned to pay for 5 \$75 gas cards for MNC and she will reach out for the school

Recruitment of Additional Director

We are short one director on the board. Open discussion on any ideas. Laurie had spoken to Wilson at Methodist Church? Alicia and Shelby have spoken to school counselors but all are too busy Should we reach out to the Clerical Council

Superbowl Benefit Cycle Ride-Save the date for-Feb 11-Proceeds from the ride will benefit Angel Network. Participants can also write a check directly to the Angel Network.

2024-Goal Setting -We had a brainstorming discussion where the following came up:

Making a budget, Marketing, Letting families know how we can help (some services may not be well known), Doing a needs assessment, talking to school staff and community members about their needs, doing a survey, Auditing our bylaws, Reevaluating our spending limits (more for each family),

Erin brought a furniture donation request to the group. The donor only wants to give the furniture to families in need.

adjourned 6:33