

December 2, 2024

Call to order at 5:31pm

Minutes from November - Motion to approve, Martha/second, Matt– motion passed all in favor

Treasurer's report

November income \$1,549.95

November expense \$5,929.15

November Net Cash Flow (-\$4,379.20)

Savings \$16,688.50

Checking \$23,919.07

TOTAL \$40,607.57

Motion to approve, Miriam/second, Erin – motion passed all in favor

Update on Thanksgiving assistance - 16 gift cards were distributed to families which is an increase from last year

Discussion on moving funds to a CD, this was agreed upon late last year but voted on at our November meeting. Matt shared that Laurie and Miriam need to sign a form so that Matt can move forward. They will make a plan to get that done in the next week so that can be completed.

Martha asked for a list of food pantries and places where families who are not from Cooperstown may be able to sign up for Christmas assistance. Alicia has this information in her office and will share it with Martha.

Holiday enrollment is up a little bit from previous year. There is good community support. All children have sponsors. Gift drop off from sponsors is December 11th. Laurie and Alicia will be present. Gift pick up from families is on December 13th, Shelby has lined up volunteers and all AN board members are welcome if they are available to join either date.

Martha suggested bringing fire blankets to go out with Holiday gifts. She will bring them to gift drop off and they will be put in family goodies.

Clark Sports Center wanted to help, they are offering a "giving tree" which members can take a wish from. The wish items are high asks such as gift cards, legos, twin bedding, fuzzy socks, socks in general, squishmellos, art supplies, shoes etc. Clarks will be collecting for the next couple weeks and dropping off either December 11th or 13th to the Methodist Church. We will use the items to fulfill families wishes and any excess will go to MNC

Several board members have suggested we revamp our Christmas ask form for 2025. There is not a way for families to say no and it looks as if they have to put in clothing sizes or winter gear even if they do not need it. Make it more flexible for 2025. Alicia has offered to assist with this if needed, suggested to make questions "Do you need clothing" instead of just asking sizes. If they do, a next step question can be set up to ask sizes.

Discussion on NYCON Membership renewal– \$80/year Erin motioned to renew/Miriam second– motion passed all in favor

Discussion started on increasing our family maximum. Discussion to continue and become more involved for our January planning meeting. Suggested increasing it to \$1200 per family. This change was tabled until after our January meeting.

Laurie did a press conference with Senator Oberacker today. He is doing a coat drive in his 51st senate district and all of the coats in Otsego County will be going to AN. It was decided we would bring them to MNC and advertise and make them available to anyone who needs them including those outside of CCS district.

The Otesaga was also impressed with the AN mission and wants to partner in a clothing and toy drive. Those items when collected with also be delivered to MNC and Martha and her volunteers can hand out as they see fit.

Matt suggested that we change our financial date to August 1 - July 30, which matches a school year vs. a calendar year. He has begun working that way already but wanted the group to vote on it. Miriam motioned and Alicia second— motion passed all in favor. The only discussion was that we all agreed this made sense and aligned with our mission and activities.

Meeting adjourned 6:38PM