Present: Matt Monahan, Erin Rawitch, Martha Clarvoe, Tab Rathbone, Laurie Williams, Alicia Chase, Shelby Macleish, Stephanie Oceguera, Miriam Murray, Marcie Swartzman

Call to Order-@ 5:30 PM

Approval of December Minutes: Miriam Motions, Erin Seconds, Motion Carries

Old Business:

Christmas- Laurie suggests we pat ourselves on the back for a job well done. The program ran well

Here are a few notes to remember for next year:

- We plan to re-do the intake questionnaire, prioritizing wants instead of needs.
- We will connect with Clark Sports Center sooner.
- Remind all families that they need a ride (two walked to church this year, and volunteers drove them home)
- Work on thank you notes and a thank you message.

Treasurer's Report:

December Income vs. Expenses

Income: \$8,380.13

Expenses: \$20,475.10-14,000 in grocery cards and \$5,000 in gas cards

Net: (-\$12,094.97)

Net YTD: (-\$14,951.24) (sept 1-now)

More gift cards this year for Thanksgiving

Outstanding Deposits: \$5,400

Account Balances as of Jan. 6th, 2025

Checking: \$11,473.34 Savings: \$16,692.03 **Total: \$28,165.37**

Credit Card Details

Credit Card Donations, Sept. 1 - Dec. 31

Donations: \$6,368.00

Fees: \$177.66

Processing Fee: 2.77%

- Could we find something with no fees? Such as Stripe or Cheddar Up? Is there a company that will allow us to pick up the fees?
- Also, we get about 80% of our donations from 8-10 people. Do we need to expand our donor base?
- Tax-exempt NY state needs some more paperwork. Matt is working on it. Matt talked about how time-consuming this has been, but he hopes to have this done soon.

Ongoing Business:

MNC Updates

-Oberaker Coats-Took on a life of itself. Lots of coats came to MNC. The second load was redistributed to other areas. Can we coordinate with other organizations to get the coats into other people's hands? Erin will post an email about the coats.

New Business:

-Officer Discussion/Vote-Tab motions, same officers, Stephanie seconds-motion carries.

New Board Members, ideas: Martha, Tab, Stephanie, and Erin all stay. Marcie is thinking about it. Miriam stepped down. Jen Avery is interested in joining the board.

- -Goal Setting 2025
 - -First year college help?
 - -Increase of family maximums?
 - -More in-depth budget
 - -Building partnerships with community organizations and other affiliate organizations

Discussion and Ideas around goal setting:

- We should have a budget and fundraise up front rather than talking every month.
- Can we put together a welcome packet to give to families when they register that outlines our services.
- Should we expand one new program? Or do them all?
- Breakdown by grade: Where are our current families? By doing this, we know how many will be leaving for college, may need yearbooks, etc.
- Should families reach a maximum for gas and groceries, and does that count towards the family maximum?
- Do we interact with the food pantry? Should we interact more?
- From Matt: We switched our financial calendar to match the school year, which is great for planning. We will do a financial review in February and make a final budget in May.

College Help Discussion

- For college transition, Matt feels we should refer students to Clark and Excelsior scholarships.
- We should never pay tuition, but we can pay for room and board and transitional needs (e.g., computer, furniture).
- College Path-SAT, SAT Prep, College Visits, College Visits- These are things we should be funding.
 - Should we share this with the guidance department so that we can help if needed?

Funding Requests: None right now

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50