September 14, 2026
5:30PM
Clark Sports Center Community Room
Monthly Meeting Agenda

1.) Welcome/Introductions-Martha Clarvoe, Gretchen Hodgdon, Erin Rawitch, Marcie Schwartzman, Jenna Avery, Shelby MacLeish, Lonetta Swartart

2.) Approval of -June Meeting Minutes- Motioned by Marcie, seconded by Martha-Motion carries

3.) Treasurer's Report -Matt missed the meeting; Marcie let the group know that she cannot take over as treasurer at this point due to family circumstances. Matt will most likely send a treasurer's report at a later time.

Gretchen asked if everything is up to date-Marcie said yes, but we really need to think about the budget and our income. Some things to think about-we didn't get a chance to do parking this summer, it's already September, and we have not started planning the meet and mingle this year. We need to think about our income.

We need to perhaps think about Angel's network's purpose. What is our mission? Do we need to raise money in a different way?

4.) Funding Requests:

a.) Family is requesting help with one month's rent: $ 1,000

Single Mom, is now working at a new job. DV situation that made her leave her previous home. Has not been paid yet. Friend helped with first month and security. Needs to pay 2nd month end of September but does not have pay yet. Has been vetted; child is a CCS student. Would qualify for SNAP, etc however, has not been a U.S. resident for more than one year, so not yet eligible for those programs

Discussion: Martha-we should pay her rent for rent for her. Jenna asked if rent goes back to the mission of Angel Network. It does help the child. Should we try and package in something similar, like grocery cards? This seems like a one-time, get-on-their-feet ask. Gretchen-we have done it before, and it seems like we should morally help them out.

Gretchen motions to pay the entire amount. Martha seconds- motion carries.

b.) School staff person asking for various sizes of sweatpants/leggings for female students who have a period accident at school and need something to wear. They asked for AN to purchase these.

Discussion-we had this request last year. Should we pull from MNC? Gretchen will go through supplies tomorrow. Erin suggested we use the Clark Angel Tree to get more at Christmas Time.

5.) Committee Reports

- My Neighbors Closet Committee - Martha wanted to make sure she continues her practice of letting people go upstairs when the cafe is open (Friday and Sunday). On cafe days, they get more donations. Group thinks it's good as more people are seeing the space. Group asked if more volunteers are needed.
- Outreach Committee - Erin/Alicia -No report
- Finance Committee - Matt/Marcie-report above

6.) Old Business

a. AN ongoing support
    i. Snacks for E-School and Jr/Sr High School-When snacks come in, they are scooped up quickly-maybe there needs to be a better system for snack distribution? We could spend a lot more money on this. Gretchen suggested that the school come up with a solution-say we have x amount of money, and they have to come up with a solution for distribution.
    ii. Period Supplies -period supplies are on reorder; they have also been bought by the community.

7.) New Business

a. Open House (Elementary 10/8 5 pm - 6:00 PM and Jr./Sr. High 6:00 pm- 7 pm)- The times were wrong on the website; note changed times here in the minutes. School would like affiliate groups to have tables.
b. Newsletter-Newsletter went out today.
c. Mohawk Valley Gives-MVG is on Friday. Please share and help spread the word.
d. Holiday Program Important Dates
    i. Registration Dates: September 21st through October 31st.
    ii. Sponsor and Family matching week of November 2nd
    iii. Sponsor drop-off: December 9
    iv. Family pick-up: December 11 @ St. Mary's
    v. Clark Sports Center Angel Tree will happen again
    vi. AN Contacts:
        1. Sponsors - Laurie
        2. Families - Shelby

8.) General Comments

Sounds like the group would like to have a strategic planning discussion. Should we focus on gas and grocery cards instead of one-off heating or rent?

Should we work to put information on the website and keep it updated?

Gretchen asked about soliciting new members. Think of people to join. Jenna texted Mary Claire Roberts who will join next month. She thinks it might be a conflict of interest to join the board, but happy to come as a school employee.

Erin is doing PR for the affiliate groups to get the word out. Every group needs volunteers and board members.

Shelby offered to email people who have helped with the meet and mingle in the past and gauge interest.

Next Meeting is October 5th, 5:30pm at the Clark Sports Center Community Room