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

1.) Welcome/Introductions - Bart Brush (guest), Gretchen Hodgdon, Erin Rawitch, Marcie Schwartzman, Jenna Avery, Shelby MacLeish, Lonetta Swartart, Alicia Chase. Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM.

2.) Approval of September Meeting Minutes - Marcie motioned to approve, with minor corrections; Erin seconded. Motion carries.

3.) Treasurer's Report - Matt reported a September 30 account total of $26,139.82 and a rolling 12-month deficit of approximately $7,350. Increased holiday assistance and the loss of parking/event revenue contributed to the shortfall. Donations and grant checks are still being received. The board discussed the need to review program spending and fundraising priorities.

Reimbursement - Matt requested reimbursement for snacks and period supplies accidentally charged to his personal credit card. Marcie motioned to approve; Erin seconded. Motion carries. Amount to confirm: agenda $293.97

Financial balances (as presented in the October agenda):

Date	Checking Balance	Savings Balance	Account Total	Balance Change From Prior Month
9/30/2025	$16,759.95	$16,728.28	$33,488.23	$2,903.00
10/31/2025	$10,886.06	$16,731.83	$27,617.89	($5,870.34)
11/30/2025	$8,162.40	$16,735.27	$24,897.67	($2,720.22)
12/31/2025	$6,588.84	$11,737.90	$18,326.74	($6,570.93)
1/31/2026	$15,683.46	$11,740.39	$27,423.85	$9,097.11
2/28/2026	$16,046.29	$11,742.64	$27,788.93	$362.83
3/31/2026	$15,582.33	$11,745.13	$27,327.46	($461.47)

4/30/2026	$14,724.35	$11,747.54	$26,471.89	($855.57)
5/31/2026	$15,080.35	$11,750.03	$26,830.38	$358.49
6/31/2026	**$13,458.21**	**$11,752.44**	**$25,210.65**	**($1,619.73)**
7/31/2026	**$12,898.21**	**$11,754.94**	**$24,653.15**	**($557.50)**
8/31/2026	**$12,438.21**	**$11,757.44**	**$24,195.65**	**($457.50)**
9/31/2026	**$14,379.96**	**$11,759.86**	**$26,139.82**	**$1,944.17**

Notable Donations: June $200; July $350; August none; September Mohawk Valley Gives $2,100.
Notable Expenses: June $1,100 summer enrichment, $220 yearbooks, $360 auto insurance; July $710 summer enrichment; August $260 summer enrichment; September none.

4.) Funding Requests - None.

5.) Committee Reports

• My Neighbor's Closet (Martha) - Seasonal changeover is underway, with coats and jackets coming in and Halloween costumes available. Donations include $2,500 in grocery gift cards and several gas cards. Volunteers will distribute items and share information at school open houses. Outreach through schools, the library, email, Facebook, and neighboring districts was discussed.

• Outreach (Erin/Alicia) - No separate report. The group discussed increasing awareness of My Neighbor's Closet and encouraging new volunteers and shoppers.

• Finance (Matt) - Alicia requested a committee meeting before the November board meeting to review current finances, known expenses, annual budget needs, and fundraising priorities. Matt will prepare a multi-year financial comparison including the current year.

6.) Old Business

a. School Open Houses - October 8: Elementary 5:00–6:00 PM; High School 6:30–7:30 PM. Shelby and My Neighbor's Closet volunteers will staff tables with brochures, handouts, and a QR-code flyer.

b. Mohawk Valley Gives - Angel Network raised $2,100.

7.) New Business

a. Fundraisers - Stagecoach will donate 10% of October 20 sales to Angel Network; members were encouraged to promote the event. The board also discussed approaching local restaurants about dine-for-a-cause nights.

b. Thanksgiving Food Cards - Erin will contact families in early November to assess need. Last year's $150 grocery cards and the number of families served were reviewed. The board will review requests and finances before setting this year's assistance amount.

c. Holiday Gift Update (Shelby) - Thirty-three children had registered at the time of the meeting. The registration form was revised to discourage high-cost requests and clarify gift expectations. The board discussed separate appeals for financial donors and volunteer shoppers.

d. Qualification for Angel Network Assistance - With universal school meals, free/reduced lunch applications are no longer a reliable eligibility measure. The board agreed to consult school guidance counselors about verifying family eligibility using existing school information rather than creating a separate financial statement process.

e. Mix and Mingle - The board discussed replacing the costly Otesaga event with a smaller, lower-cost ticketed fundraiser and/or silent auction. Coworks and other venues were mentioned, with mid-March dates under consideration. Members will investigate venue availability, catering, and auction donations; no final venue or date was selected.

8.) General Comments - Members discussed possible future increases in family need related to Medicaid changes. A guest (Bart Brush) proposed a world music program for children; school music staff, afterschool programs, Brookwood, and summer camps were suggested as possible partners, subject to space and insurance considerations.

Next Meeting: November 2, 2026.