

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

Nov. 2, 2020 - 5:30 pm - Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Christine McBrearty, Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Stephanie Nelen, Stephanie Oceguela, Georgia Meeter, Ryan Miosek, Cindy Falk.

Call to Order - 5:34pm

Minutes - Motion to approve 10.05.2020 Minutes was made by Miriam Murray and seconded by Georgia Meeter, All votes aye.

Cindy Falk - First Baptist Church, it is considering providing space for wifi users and in person tutoring. They need to know what the needs are. Age of children and the space required. Veronica Pokorny shared that she met with the churches and they were reluctant to have children in the churches, there was a feeling that churches would be required to have special insurance. V. Pokorny asked C. Falk if church was renting or giving space away. Background checks would be needed for people who are working with the students; S. Nelen shared that they could be student teachers from SUNY who have had background checks. ?? Fly Creek Methodist Church has opened to students for wifi use.

A survey will be created to learn parent's and student's needs and this will be shared with AN families when they pick up their Holiday gifts.

Committee Reports

- a. MNC - Clarvoe reported that MNC had 22 shoppers since 10/14/2020 and 25 volunteers since 9/9/2020. We are moving some clothing and still taking in several persons donations while we are open. It's starting to seem that many former volunteers are reluctant to be in the store. This week we will attempt to confirm this via phone calls.
- b. A Google Voice phone number of 607-431-8320 for MNC. This allows Stephanie or me to change the answering machine remotely and to listen to the messages. There is also a phone in the store which can be used for emergency calls.
- c. Offer of refrigerator and stove from Janet Williammee - how should it be handled? Consensus was for donor to take a picture of the item, describe it and how it could be picked up. Then it's up to the person who contacts donor to pick up the item. From then on it is their responsibility to maintain. Help can be requested from AN by family who needs transportation.
- d. Website edits for MNC - prepared an email but S. Nolan hasn't had time to respond. She will share with Alicia Chase, website editor.
- e. Request Form
- f. Clarify - donation for those who are not AN families; donations accepted.

Categories of Donations: Gas Money, Tutoring Support, Appliances,

Fundraising

A donation request letter will be sent out fairly soon. Stephanie's class will fold, stuff, stamp letters.

The idea of auctioning the items in Stephanie's garage will be pursued and a couple committee members will go see the items already collected. These donations were given by Ann Murdock of New Berlin, NY to be auctioned for AN.

Someone has offered to do a zoom yoga class on Saturday after Thanksgiving and money will be donated to Angel Network.

A letter will also be sent to Gala attendees to participate in a zoom meeting?

Stephanie Nelen has another Thanksgiving idea, items are being collected at local restaurants and getting a free slice for their donation. Donations will be collected for Thanksgiving baskets. Georgia offered the idea of people shopping for a whole dinner at grocery store and then taking it all to collection site. Many students are not getting food backpacks as they used to.

Georgia & Miriam & (Carey Montana- BOCA employee) will meet to discuss a shopping project for Thanksgiving needs. Families will be surveyed.

- a. Grants/ Website
- b. AN Domain Name - \$349.92 Renewal Fee by Nov 24th - website needs renewal, Exec. Comm. mentioned the possibility of cost of a new website. Wonder if a request to the Foundation of Otsego County could be made for funding assistance.
- c. New Board Member -
- d. Paperkite Proposal - website work is being estimated, more to come
 1. Xmas - Forms need to be in by Thursday. Timed pick-ups will be required. 47 families Gifts given out on December 4 from 3pm - 6pm. Board or school volunteers are needed to distribute Xmas presents. Has no one questioned the use of Xmas.(Holiday) Many students are not getting food backpacks as they used to.

Requests for Approval/Vote

- a. Mattress Topper- for severe scoliosis, recommended by physician, all votes aye
- b. Tutoring Services: Special Needs - joining a pod and cost of tutoring is \$50/week thru January 1, 2021. Gives one on one attention. Clarvoe motioned to cover this cost, Georgia seconded, all votes aye.
- c. Website Renewal - Miriam will look into paying the quarter fee. \$350 for year.

Old Business

- a. Reminder: Conflict of Interest Form Due - Georgia will get hers in.
- a. Washing Machines Update -First Presbyterian Church will reimburse Angel Network for two washing machines, one for each family.
- b. Tutoring Update - Out of 11 families, 5 families doing well, several are not attending their sessions, should AN put some pressure on the parents to get kids to show up/ or how can we help them? Stephanie, Georgia, and Miriam will be making phone calls to all the families.
- c. Family Enrollment Increase - 7 new families are Angel Network families
- d. Strategic Plan - no final from Andrew yet. Holding until after Christmas.

New Business

- a. Thanksgiving Program - Georgia and Miriam will work on this.
- b. Gift Card Donation from Community Member - ten hundred dollar gift cards have been donated. Figuring a way to give these out is difficult.
- c. Church Reminders -
- d. First Baptist Church Wifi - Cindy Falk - see above discussion.

Meeting adjourned ~ 7:2pm

Next Board Meeting: December 7th, 2020 at 5:30pm.

