

## Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting -October 4th, 2021 at 5:00pm

In attendance: Miriam Murray, Alicia Chase, Georgia Meeter, Matt Monahan, Tabettha Rathbone, Stephanie Ocegura arrived around 5:30pm, Martha Clarvoe, Whitney Macdonald & Christine McBrearty were on zoom. Absent - Jessica Baker From the public: Noah from Community Bible Chapel, Erin Rawitch.

I. Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm Alicia Chase motioned and Stephanie Ocegura 2nd. all votes aye.

II. Miriam Murray motioned to approve the draft Minutes for Sept. 13, 2021, seconded by Georgia Meeter, all votes aye.

III. Public Comments - none

IV. Committee Reports

MNC Committee- Clarvoe reported that Wednesdays have become the busiest day. Two hours in the evening can bring in more shoppers than 4 hours open on Saturday morning. Stephanie Nolan and I are hoping that the Survey Monkey survey we wrote, will give us some insights on better hours of operation.

Fundraising and Development - Christine is looking for persons who want to help with a fundraiser. Miriam reviewed the current grant opportunities.

Communications Committee- No Report

By Laws Committee- Miriam invited anyone who would like to help edit and update the ByLaws to give Martha Clarvoe an email or call.

V. Treasurer's Report - Angel Network Financial Summary from Treasurer, Jessica Baker.

## 7/1/21-9/30/21 - Operating Budget for Angel Network

### General Fund

**Beginning Balance** \$55,919.77

#### **Donations**

General \$ 5,258.81

Summer Camp Grant \$ 5,000.00

NYCON Grant \$ 1,000.00

**Total** \$11,258.81

#### **Expenses**

Rent \$ 300.00

Operations \$ 459.20

Summer Camp \$17,037.50

Helping Family \$ 1,490.15

**Total Expenses** \$19,286.85

**Ending Balance** **\$47,891.73**

This operating budget was created for the Otsego County Community Foundation application for funds. This document will be added to the AN Board Binder under Financial Statements.

#### VI. Requests Committee -

a. Family requested assistance for help covering their \$300 propane bill for hot water, dryer, and cooking stove. The propane is not used for heat. This family checked into the county Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), to see if this would cover their propane bill. HEAP covers primary heating source and HEAP does not start until late November. Family does not qualify for temporary assistance.

Mother states, "My bills and rent are too high for my income right now. Needs \$300- can only pay the \$93 towards bill". Christine proposed paying this bill for this family, 2nd by Georgia, all votes aye.

Laundry for Love - Christine will check with owner to learn if Metro Cleaners will help this family. Martha suggested that a drying rack be purchased for family to dry clothing on, this will also reduce the family's carbon footprint and their bill.

A statement from Christine is missing, recording may have it.

## VII. New Business

### a. Policy Discussion/Possible Vote: Enrichment support

The Angel Network of Cooperstown will allow for up to \$300 per child per year (9/1-8/31) for academic enrichment activities for Kindergarten through 12th grade. All requests would need to go through the Board for approval. Requests will be approved on a case by case basis. The Enrichment Fund is a relatively small fund, so our Board is committed to keeping it viable in order to help as many families as possible in any given year. As will all requests, the funding for these enrichment activities will be recorded and research will be done to learn how much has been spent in the past. Miriam tabled the discussion.

Enrichment List - Georgia suggested a list of enrichment activities should be created for sharing with the public. All agreed

b. Cooperstown Equestrian Park partnership proposal: Horses & Heroes - Information about this program from Cooperstown Equestrian Park will hopefully be shared at next board meeting. Cody More was not able to attend this meeting. <https://www.horsesnheroes.com/>

## VIII. Old Business

a. Camp Finance Reminder, Oct 6-8 - Alicia Chase, Whitney Macdonald, Miriam Murray, and Jessica Baker will attend the zoom meeting.

b. Intake Update - Stephanie Nelen reported that her classroom students addressed, stuffed, and mailed 800 letters for AN. These included the AN registration forms, Holiday Requests and general information about AN and MNC. Alicia Chase will post these documents on social media. Phone calls will be made to families who need a reminder to re-register. School Committee members will be invited to participate in calls at the end of October.

c. Board composition: Ryan Miosek has agreed to be an ex-officio member to advise AN when needed. Treasurer - Jessica Baker will continue for one more year. President - Miriam Murray's term is up at end of December.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

IX. Next Board Meeting will be November 1st at 5:00pm