

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes

January 3rd, 2022 at 5:02 pm

Those in attendance: Miriam Murray, Martha Clarvoe, Erin Rawitch, Alicia Chase, Christine McBrearty-Hulse, Jessica Baker, Matt Monahan, Whitney Macdonald, Stephanie Ocegüera.

- I. Call to Order at 5:02pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December will be posted in the Board Binder online shortly!
- III. Public Comments - None

Update on equestrian proposal (Cody Moore) regarding fiscal sponsorship from Angel Network. Cody checked in with AN to see if there are any updates on how AN could help. NYCON has concern about valuable assets (horses) being a liability through fiscal sponsorship. Our 501c3 status would be at stake if something happened to those assets. We were cautioned to speak with legal counsel before moving forward. Looking for someone with non-profit legal experience that AN could speak with for guidance on this matter.

- IV. Committee Reports

School committee - No updates.

Martha (MNC)- Martha had a request for diapers through surveys given to AN families, but doesn't know which family the request came from. It was suggested to contact all AN families via email to see who needs diapers and what sizes they need.

Tabetha - has some fundraising ideas that she will share at the next meeting. Do we have an actual fundraising "goal?" AN hasn't set them in the last 2 years because it's been challenging to do so. It was suggested that we might start by setting a goal based on grants? Many of them have matching programs. Stewart's grant is still available (\$5K).

Huge "pie-in-the-sky" fundraising goal: provide an after school bus from the Clark and CCS around the area so kids who can't participate in after school activities due to lack of transportation would be able to do so. It's very costly.

It looks like CCS will be creating an afterschool program next year. Perhaps the school will then provide after school transportation? Details still to come from CCS.

Christmas was AWESOME!! Thanks, Jessica!

- V. Requests

- SAT Prep course request. Course is \$400, student is requesting half, \$200. This has been an AN family for years who has never asked for anything before. Vote: all in favor. None opposed.

VI. New Business - None.

VII. Old Business

- a. Grant funding balance/future - we need to figure out how to move forward with the after school tutoring with ResourceME. Very soon the \$5K grant will be used up. How much longer do we want to support the students involved now that the grant funding for this program has been used up? There are 5 students total being supported by AN in the homework camp. It was suggested that AN continues to sponsor these 5 kids through the end of this year (they applied for assistance for this program before we implemented the cap of \$300/student per academic year (cost to continue to support the students for resource.ME would be \$1,100 per kid through June 2022). Motion made- AN continues to pay for the kids already in the program this school year. Vote: all in favor. None opposed.
- b. Brief review of strategic plan and goals for 2022 - What we have done so far:
 - i. Did review and update bylaws
 - ii. Still looking to improve committee system. Would like to create a finance committee and create a better policy committee.
 - iii. Board engagement is in process. Working on using a new platform in Google. Should implement it next month.
 - iv. Working on increasing board size (still looking for one board member with a specific skill set, possibly someone who works at the school).
 - v. Working on continuing education. Can we find speakers from the community who could give short presentations about what they can offer to AN families?
 - vi. Fundraising is in process. Can we do more donor engagement? Tabetha has connections for fundraising and donor development. Suggested to do another virtual fundraising event this Spring.
 - vii. We did improve the application and approval process for our programs. We have streamlined the process for families. Let's finetune the written program criteria, application review and acceptance process (it should be a committee deciding, rather than one person). If people have problems with computer access, they can go to MNC and utilize their free computers and internet.
 - viii. We have made strides in tutoring support, but transportation is still an issue. We've done enrichment programs and summer camps.
 - ix. MNC is running smoothly. Goal achieved.
 - x. Increase community awareness- PR is running well.
 - xi. Website - upload board member bios and photos. Erin will talk to Alicia about helping with the website.
 - xii. Email- Mailchimp is ongoing
 - xiii. Need a new liaison with the Cooperstown food pantry. Whitney volunteered to be the liaison.

- xiv. Operations- ongoing. Martha and Stephanie have done a GREAT job with volunteers for MNC. Marianne Dietz has been GREAT with Christmas volunteers.
- xv. Still working on surveying volunteers to see how they want to help. Would love to recognize volunteers in a newsletter?
- xvi. Develop a technology plan. It's ongoing. Working with Beatrice G. She's working on a management program for volunteers and donors.
- xvii. Angel Network Newsletter - develop one.

VIII. Next Board Meeting:

February 7th at 5:00pm AT THE HS

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.