

Angel Network of Cooperstown

Board Meeting Minutes, December 7, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

In attendance: Miriam Murray, Stephanie Nelen, Stephanie Ocegüera, Martha Clarvoe, and Georgia Meeter. From the Public: Margaret McGown.

Absent: Christine McBrearty & Ryan Miosek

- I. Call to Order at 5:32pm
- II. Approval of Minutes - I forgot to bring this up again. We didn't approve Nov. minutes.
- III. Public Comments - Margaret McGown, representing Presbyterian Church Deacons fund gave examples of what they have support this year and in the past. Catholic Charities request - helped with bus ticket for person to join family in south, refrigerator payments for gentleman, in past they have paid electric bills, fuel oil, rent, etc. Request comes in, 3 deacons review request, check is sent. Assistance has been on average between \$200-\$400. They are happy to get requests from AN. Maureen thanked Margaret and felt this was a very good fit for Angel Network assistance for families. The church is happy for the Church to vet these requests.
5:48pm
 - Stephanie O. shared that Seventh Day Adventist Church in Oneonta will deliver food to families. And later shared the Helping Hands flyer.
<https://www.facebook.com/Oneontahelpinghands/>
 - Lucas Spencer does backpack program at high school. School is already delivering a lot of food to families.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. MNC - Days being open - Shoppers - Dates: 11.14 - 2 12.02 -2 12.05 - 12
Volunteers - Dates: 11.14-11 12.02 - 4 12.05 - 6
Bookmarks were updated with Google Voice phone number and given out with Xmas gifts. Next year encourage families to shop at MNCloset before filling out their request form. This could reduce expense for donors.
 - b. Fundraising - Giving Tuesday - we raised \$400 and Saturday Fitness raised ~\$400 for Angel Network..
Home Depot - Donations of 3 microwaves will be offered to needy families by counselors approaching specific families.
 - c. Grants/ Website - Callie stepped down from the Grants Committee, May will remain on the committee. A Stewart's Grant will be pursued.
 - i. New Board Member/COI - Patrick Kinley will be an ex-officio member for accounting questions. Miriam has someone in mind for new board member. Stephanie will speak with Ryan to check on possible conflict of interest.

From our Bylaws for board members who are considering joining.

Duties of Directors. The Board of Directors may: (1) hold meetings at such times and

places as they think proper; (2) admit members and suspend or expel them by ballot; (3) appoint committees on particular subjects from the members of the board, or from other members of the Corporation; (4) audit bills and disburse the funds of the Corporation; (5) print and circulate documents and publish articles; (6) carry on correspondence and communicate with other associations interested in the corporation's charitable purposes; (7) employ agents, and (8) devise and carry into execution such other measures as they deem proper and expedient to promote the objects of the Corporation and to best protect the interests and welfare of the members.

- ii. Paperkite Proposal - \$20,000 for AN website redo. Clarvoe again offered Susan O'Handley from CNY Mobile Marketing and I believe another will be considered.
- d. Xmas Re-cap - Drive thru really helped keep gift envy down. Early drop off appreciated, 125 children served, next year suggest MNC shopping before creating your Xmas list. Families should update us when they get new track phones to keep our phone numbers current. A couple families were very difficult to reach. Suggest this on Xmas survey. MNC check-in sheet asks for email & text phone, will encourage them to share often incase of changes. Highlight these changes and send them to CooperstownAngel gmail and Miriam with new phone numbers. Someone in the know should look through families and check number of children to be sure this is accurate. A family added their nieces and nephews to their list of children.
- e. Thanksgiving Re-cap - 3 families helped,

Utility Bills Cap Discussion - Families need to take advantage of services that are available, food pantry, social services, and HUD. We need to know the other options for these families, can Sara Mileski/Christine McBrearty share information? Miriam reported that Spectrum does have a reduced rate for people in need. Clarvoe offered to write up a list of assistance ideas.

Miriam moved to suggest a policy of a "Utility Bills Cap" for Angel Network families to assist with utility bills. A request can be made one time in the academic year, and up to \$500. If additional requests are needed the decision will be left to the discretion of the voting directors and extenuating circumstances will be taken into account. Seconded by Stephanie Ocegvera, all votes aye.

V. Requests for Approval/Vote

- a. By-laws "ex-officio"
- b. Term limits

VI. Old Business

- a. Reminder: Conflict of Interest Forms are Due
- b. Strategic Plan final meeting date - Will be taken up after Xmas
- c. First Baptist Church Wifi update - They are analyzing data from survey results that were filled out while waiting for Xmas gifts at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

VII. New Business

- a. Monica Wolfe - We learned an update on Mr. Wolfe and families' needs are many.
- b. Stephanie Ocegüera asked what are we going to do with auction items? S. Nelen offered another company, Miriam will research a contact.
- c. M. Clarvoe wondered if any family has asked for help with garbage pick-up bill? People responded that they thought this should/could be covered by hauler businesses or OCCA.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

IX. Next Board Meeting: January 4th, 2020 at 5:30pm.