

Angel Network of Cooperstown - Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

5:02pm - 6:39pm

Georgia Meeter, Stephanie Nelen, Miriam Murray, Alicia Chase, Martha Clarvoe, Jessica Baker, Stephanie Ocegüera will be late, Absent Ryan Miosek, Melissa Rathbun, & Christine McBrearty),

- I. Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes of March meeting motioned by M.Murray and 2nd by S. Nelen, all votes aye.
- III. Public Comments - None
- IV. Treasurer's Report - Jessica presented her report, motion made to accept this report by S. Nelen and 2nd by A. Chase, all votes aye.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. MNC - Clarvoe reported that MNC had a very successful spring cleaning, moved a ton of clothing out, saved some winter clothes. Probably switched out 50% of the clothing in the store for new spring/summer clothing. We sent 8 totes to Oppor. For Otsego Shelter in Oneonta; truck load to Salvation Army and truck load to Thrifty Shopper in New Hartford, NY. Thrifty Shopper sales help feed hungry people and shelter people experiencing homelessness. More than 50 years ago, the Rescue Mission opened its first thrift store to both provide affordable clothing and generate income to support its programs. Today, the Rescue Mission operates 18 Thrifty Shopper stores in nine counties, which help generate revenue needed annually to provide Rescue Mission programs. When you patronize a Thrifty Shopper, you are truly 'shopping for a greater good.' A special thank you was sent to the volunteers: Cate Nolan, Carlene Nolan, Fanny Clements, Kathleen Logue, Deb Taylor, Carol Butts, Sandy DeRosa, Kaleigh Herman, Natalie Wrubleski.
 - b. Fundraising: Auction/Gala - Our Live Auction is from April 15-27th, reminders thru email and social media. Nov. Gala planning, looking for volunteers to help planning. This event would be inexpensive for us because we get so much help from the Clark Foundation. \$3000 worth of free tickets have been available in the past.
 - c. Grants - nothing new to report but S. Nelen will follow up with May about Stewarts Gran, etc.
 - d. PR/Web - Consensus felt that 2000 AN pamphlets should be ordered. Alicia will let Miriam and Jessica know of the cost when she knows. The printing will be contracted through BOCES.
 - e. School - Nelen is working on figuring out how AN can help AN families with the school committee. Snacks are needed and scholarships for summer camps. Transportation to COVID vaccines. Alicia Chase said "Get There" and Georgia offered Susan Miosek and Bill Waller, they sometimes provide transportation for those needing COVID shots. More info will be shared about transportation for COVID vaccines. Miriam will reach out to Cindy for help with survey questions.
- VI. Requests for Approval/Vote
 - a. Snacks/Ice cream - AN will purchase extra snacks for children in need. Miriam Murray motioned to purchase snacks for the remainder of the school year, Jessica Baker seconded, all votes aye. Items will be purchased and delivered to CCS School.
 - b. Gift cards - Anonymous family would like to donate 15 - \$100 gift cards.

- c. Mattress request - Miriam motioned to purchase a twin mattress at cost and include the delivery to the home of a child whose dog damaged their mattress. Georgia seconded and all votes aye.
- d. Tutoring - Nelen is working with Cindy Falk on the tutoring grant. NYCON grant was done by Miriam for organizational data management. Cindy Falk wants to know which students want to continue after May and or through the summer? Academically driven, not day care, only tutoring. There is an effort to help those who are behind and may not pass their grade.
- e. Yearbooks for 6th graders and seniors, not all are AN families, general consensus agreed that all who need help to purchase a yearbook will receive assistance.

VII. New Business

- a. Melissa (Missy) Rathbun has found board meetings take too much time. She will still be a volunteer, but she has sent a letter and will be stepping down from the board.
- b. We still need a food pantry contact in Cooperstown.
- c. Summer Camps - waiting to see what is open and who requests financial assistance.
- d. Consultant Work - \$70 an hour for her to work on a specific project. She does grant writing. Beatrice Georgalidis will be invited to meet with us in a couple weeks and we will see what she has to offer.
- e. Georgia literacy project idea for the summer - Topic approaches emotions, coping, mindfulness with a journal book. Georgia will offer links for us to review. AN may be able to cover the expense for AN families.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm

- VIII. Next Board Meeting: May 3rd, 2021 at 5:00pm. In person? There was discussion about meeting on porch at the back of the Otesaga or via Zoom.