

**“DRAFT” Town of Shelburne  
Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 28, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Shelburne Town Center**

Call to order at 7:00pm

**Committee members Present:** Kristina, Barbra, Deborah, Georgene, Sue

**Guests:** Patricia Fontaine, Katie Gonyaw

Georgene made a motion to approve the agenda and Deb seconded. All approved.

**Citizen participation:** No Citizen participation.

Deb made a motion to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes, Barbra seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer report:** Deb Niemasz gave an update as below;

Mental Health First Aid Training up to \$200, \$135.6 to disbursed.

Peace and Justice Program up to \$300.00

Grant fund remains \$24,440.00

Community fund \$2511.45

Outreach program \$ 6560.00

Patricia Fontaine gave an update on the Support for Racial justice initiative in the Shelburne community. She is in the process of identifying the best vehicle to address support for race in the community. In the meantime, she recommended a documentary movie “Race power of an illusion” prior to a book discussion group.

Pat gave an update on the living room participation, a place where people talk about their feelings in regards to race. There has already been a gathering in the last couple of days. The sessions are currently by invite.

Katie Gonyaw (Executive Director of Ascension Daycare) which is located in Shelburne, gave an update that there are about 25 Shelburne families that utilize the Ascension daycare service. She discussed a few ways the Shelburne Social Services Committee can help the child care centers in Shelburne. For example,

- help offset the sewage capacity fees for early education centers. (currently the Ascension center is paying roughly \$3200 a year).
- Mini grants which the centers can apply to each child,
- help sponsor staff professional development trainings.
- The Ascension center is planning for an expansion which will add a capacity of 12 more children.

Katie is going to follow the process of applying for a grant from the Social Services Committee while focused on the Shelburne families.

Georgene made a motion to set up a special meeting with Joe Colangelo to clarify the process for funding Police Social Worker. Deb seconded. All approved.

**Date and Time of next Meeting: 7:00pm on Mach 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

