

Shelburne Social Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

7:00 PM

Shelburne Town Center

Small Conference Room

Minutes

- 1. Call to Order (7:10).** Motion by Kristina, 2nd by Barbara.
Approved.

**Present: Georgene Grover, Sue Irish, Barbra Marden,
Kristina Sylvester**

- 2. Consider Approval of Agenda.** Motion by Kristina, 2nd by Sue.
Approved.

- 3. Citizen Participation.** No citizens present.

- 4. Approval of Minutes of March 28, 2018.** Motion by Barbra, 2nd
by Sue. Approved.

- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Georgene said the treasurer's report remains
the same.

- 6. New Business.**

- 1. Craft School.** Request for \$2,000 for 40-50 students Summer
School Scholarships. Motion by Barbra, 2nd by Sue. Approved.

2. Food Shelf. Susan Stock told Georgene the greatest need is for nonfood items (tampons, diapers). Kristina suggested that an item request drive could help. No dollar amount was requested so the committee thought the same amount as last year, \$1,000, would be appropriate if we receive an application for same. Motion by Kristina, 2nd by Barbra. Approved.
3. Shelburne Museum Passes for Pierson Library. Georgene spoke with Kevin Unrath who said each pass costs \$100 and last year the 2 passes were used 98 times. He would like to expand outreach services to childcare and elder care centers. The committee decided that funding needs to be through a nonprofit entity so funding passes through the Friends of the Library would be more appropriate. Georgene will follow up with the Friends and suggest they fill out request form.
4. Respite House. We have funded VNA general services in past years but would like to fund the Respite House specifically this year. (101 Shelburne residents used the facility in 2017!) Georgene will ask for an application from them through the VNA.

7. Old Business.

1. Patricia Fontaine was not available but has begun work with Kevin at the Pierson to start a SURJ Project, including book discussions and programs.
2. Sue Irish reported on her contact with Melissa at Child Care Resource in Williston. She said she learned that all childcare homes are now registered or licensed, and centers are licensed. This has improved quality but reduced the overall number of home

care situations. There is still a huge gap between supply and the need. Also, teacher providers need to meet training requirements and there is a shortage of trained teachers. We recognize that our criteria for grants includes nonprofit status as well. We would like to be sure that nonprofit centers are aware of the opportunity to apply for funds. This led to a discussion of the need to inform the community of our work in general. We discussed an article for the Shelburne News and a cover letter to accompany our grant application form. Sue and Kristina will continue work on child care providers and Georgene will work on an article.

3. United Way. Georgene will remind them that we need an application for funds by June 20.

8. **Adjourn (8:10).** Motion by Sue, 2nd by Barbra.

9. **Next meeting date moved up to June 20th as Georgene will be away on June 27th.**