

Social Services June 2021 Minutes

Present: S. Furry Irish, L. Maguire, P. Fontaine, E. Limanek, L. Riell

Call to Order: 6:36 pm

Note Taker: L. Riell

Agenda approved

Citizen Participation: none

Approval of Minutes: clarification made regarding spending guidelines for the Community Fund

Treasurers Report: (L. Riell) Social Services Account \$2900, Community Fund \$4,478.57

OLD BUSINESS

- Six month reports received: the committee has received the requested expenditure information from VT Assoc. for the Blind, UVHHH, Mercy Connection, Shelburne Craft School, VT Adult Learning, Age Well.
- Equity Committee Status: Patricia reported that the group is now a town committee and is working on creating an application for consideration to become a new member of the Equity Committee.

Currently there are 6 members and they can total 9. The application will be called a recruitment tool, it will use a rubric to evaluate applicants and the language will be changed to an invitation as opposed to an application.

The committee will continue to meet the first and third Friday of each month. It may be a hybrid format if the Selectboard agrees to that. The committee hopes to get the information out to the public via the Shelburne News.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Friends of the Pierson Library: **\$250 grant approved** to fund a \$100 family pass to Shelburne Museum and a \$150 pass to VINS. Sue will encourage the Friends to advertise the pass availability.
2. Other Requests: **\$2000 grant approved to the Shelburne Craft School** to support the Multi-Cultural Art Program. The report on their application did a great job explaining how the program addresses BIPOC.
3. Remaining Funds: The committee discussed how to disperse the remaining \$650 in the SS account. Considerations were; what agencies stepped up and served more town residents in need, who reported and explained the grant expenditures, who are the neediest now, who lowballed their grant requests.

Decision: In light of the fact that we have \$650 remaining in the budget, we have decided to award additional grants to: **VT Agency for the Blind \$250, Shelburne Craft School \$200, Age Well (Meals on Wheels) \$200**

Looking ahead: At a future meeting we will discuss "fiscal wisdom"; how can we best serve the underserved, cultural enhancement as it might relate to grant requests, how to best tap the Community Fund.

Sue will be working on a new Google Form (grant request form) and will present it at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 25 @ 6:30 PM. Sue will let the committee know if there is a need for this meeting or not.

ADJOURN @ 7:53 PM. Have a good summer everyone!