

Shelburne Social Services Committee
Wednesday, August 2020
Zoom Meeting

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

Call to order: 6:46 PM

Note taker: Linda Riell

Agenda: approved

Citizen Participation: none

June Minutes: approved

Treasurers Report: There is \$300 remaining unspent in the 2019-20 budget (see below old business). The budgeted amount for 2020-21 stands at \$35,000. Last month the Community Fund was at \$5000. Linda will check on the current CF amount for the September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Racial Justice Update:** Patricia reports that the very successful book study group is finishing My Grandmother's Hand. Copies are available at the library. The upcoming fall session will focus on How to be an Anti-Racist.

Patricia will be attending a meeting next week of VT State Librarians and VT Humanity Council to speak about collaboration between state, communities and local committees (topic will be Racial Justice).

2. **Budget Correction:** An error in payment occurred last month and a \$300 donation intended to be paid from the Community Fund was taken from the Social Services budget. This resulted in our final budget showing \$300 unspent. Linda has been in touch with Peter Frankenberg regarding the issue, Peter has indicated we can request a check for \$300 be sent to the agency of choice which will bring the account balance to \$0. Committee approved sending the amount to Dismas House. Linda will bring the fund request to Peter's attention.
3. **Thank-you letters:** Sue received a packet of letters from the Town Offices (dating back several years) from agencies that had been awarded Social Service Grants. Some of the agencies: VT Works for Women, Dismas House, Howard Center. Sue will begin a file to hold past and future letters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Selectboard Meeting: Sue and Elaine will attend the August 11 Zoom Meeting to give a Social Services update to the SB. A short presentation will include: which agencies are requesting funds and what the request themes are, and being pro-active to the needs of the community as people deal with economic impacts due to Covid-19. Sue will speak to Georgene to see if she has additional thoughts on info the SB would be interested in hearing.
- Revised Documents: committee reviewed the 3 documents Sue has been working on (Letter to Non-profit Agencies, Scoring Rubric, Grant Request Form (google form)). Following discussion, thoughtful revisions were made and Sue will mail the documents to the group for approval.

- Email problem: presently Sue uses her personal email address to and continues to work on transferring the social services gmail account from Georgene to herself.
- Goals for the 2020-21 year: following discussion, the committee would like to focus on: accountability, reaching out to enough underserved Shelburne residents, providing Covid relief, sharing successes through local news, continuing supporting Racial Justice efforts.

NEXT MEETING: September 23 at 6:30 PM (zoom meeting)

ADJOURN AT 8:07 pm.