TRUSTEES OF SPECIAL BENOVELENT FUNDS

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March 11, 2020
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Trustee Members: Andrea Leland
Marcia Roman
Karen Scopetski

Advocates: June David-Fors, LICSW Director, Family & Youth Services
Ayako Reich, LICSW, Counselor, Family & Youth Services

Welcoming of New Trustees, Marcia Roman and Karen Scopetski

Election of Chairperson

Motion by both Marcia Roman and Karen Scopetski to nominate Andrea Leland as chairperson, seconded and carried.

Discussion

1) June presented the needs of the B Family – consisting of five children ranging in age from teenagers to young adults. The children suddenly and unexpectedly lost both of their parents. The teenagers are living with their older brother, who attends college and is working to support himself and his younger siblings. The family has and is receiving help, and at this time their only request is assistance in paying for two storage units that hold the contents previously contained at the family home. The rent for Storage Unit #586 is $111/month for 2 years for a total of $2,664.00. The rent for the larger unit is $178/month for 1 year for a total of $2,136.00. The total request is $4,800.00.

MOTION by Andrea Leland to provide $4,800.00 in assistance to pay for both storage units, seconded by Marcia. Carried

2) Ayako presented the needs of MM & NH, a Northborough Family who have two young daughters. NH was diagnosed with a chronic medical issue two years ago. Prior to the diagnosis, he worked as a talented barber until his illness compromised his ability to use his hands. In September 2018, he became eligible to receive SSI in the amount of $442.50/month; however, this was reduced to $85.50/month in October 2019 due to MM picking up extra shifts at her job. NH's health is rapidly deteriorating with much of the family income going towards his medical bills. The family utilizes free school lunches, SNAP, Food Pantry, Helping Hands and other resources. NH had home care, but that assistance discontinued due to the long delay of MassHealth payments. At this time, the family is seeking assistance for two months of their mortgage. The current monthly mortgage is $2,059.43.

MOTION by Andrea Leland to provide $4,500.00 in assistance to pay for two months of the mortgage ($4,118.86) and $381.14 to assist with other pressing needs of the family. June David-Fors to work with Ayako to determine what needs this will entail. Seconded by Karen, Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am