

# Association for Catholic Childhood

## Minutes of January 13, 2016 ACC Board Meeting

Monica Scott called the meeting to order followed by the opening prayer offered by Mary Wickwire.

In attendance were Monica Scott, Helen Santucci, Jeanne Borrows, Sue Lynch, Nancy O'Brien, Joan Walton, Ann Read-Andersen, Mary Lou Wickwire, Patty Shepherd Barnes, Donna Keyser, Ellen Wright, Nancy Monahan, Marilyn Price, Theresa Gallant, Erin Aitken, Kristen Charles, Julianne Read, Barbara R. Easter, Deidre Brownlow, Monica Scott, Maureen Britt, representing eleven circles of our Association.

MINUTE Approved as presented for the November 17, 2015 PM meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Our treasurer, Mary Roddy, was absent but had furnished P&L's and Balance sheets through December, 2015 showing a total of \$113,953.00 checking and petty cash, and \$513,770.63 in our Endowment Fund. We awarded nine grants totaling \$77,000 approved by the Finance Committee with responding notes of gratitude from the various recipients.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT We welcomed a new circle into the Association – St. Therese's. Erin Aitken, Kristen Charles and Julianne Read were in attendance representing St. Therese's and gave us all a shot in the arm with their enthusiasm and projects. Monica extended the discussion about encouraging new circle startups and Maureen Britt requested ideas to further this endeavor.

There was a brief discussion about the ongoing examination of a name change for the Association. More later.

Monica announced that Judy Schrader (former President, former Chair of the Membership Committee) was awarded the Renton Community's Foundation Lifetime of Giving Recipient. What a good choice of Judy who works tirelessly for the children in many capacities. Congratulations, Judy!

There are Board positions to be filled, and we are asking all members to consider doing a stint (two years). It is a very rewarding experience and exposes you to all the wonderful projects in which our Association is involved. We are coming up on our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary soon and many exciting projects are in the works. It involves one meeting per month and it produces so much wonderful support for all children in our area. There is so much need out there – please consider an assignment to augment our efforts.

## Labor of Love Internet Auction

The time is imminent for our Labor of Love Auction starting Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 10am to Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Deidre Brownlow and Barbara Easter will be chairing the auction again this year and if you have an item that needs to be transported to the office please call. Last year we accumulated \$28,000.00 from people all over the world – the auction runs on the internet. The items should have a value of at least \$25.00 and can be a “group”, for instance a collection of kitchen ware. Use your imagination. See the Newsletter for further details where you will also find a procurement form.

Monica announced Microsoft Benevity Causes – with matching funds. Again, refer to the Newsletter for all the details.

The November evening meeting was well attended, and for several members it was their first Board meeting. All members are welcome to all Board meetings – the more the merrier. We are going to have another evening meeting in April – the location to be announced later. Please consider attending.

The processing of incoming checks has been changed to facilitate deposits and includes participation by Deidre our Office Administrator. Her salary was increased to cover the time involved. Thank you Deidre.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Caring and Advocacy Mary Lou announced the annual Youth Tutoring Program’s Dream Big Breakfast at the Bell Harbor International conference center on Friday, March 18, 2016. All are invited and urged to attend or donate to this very worthy cause. As their brochure states, “Inspiring Students for the Next 25 years”.

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016, there will be a Children’s Alliance conference from 10am to 3pm, discussing among other issues dental care for children. Please see the Newsletter for further information.

Endowment Development Committee Theresa Gallant of the Katherine Meloy Circle discussed their Christmas appeal in support of the Endowment Fund.

They had a \$10,000 anonymous gift plus collecting \$3,005.00 towards the Endowment. There were twenty three responses to their appeal. There was a memorial of \$2,000 collected for one person. During the Christmas season in response to memorials the office included a Christmas ornament memorializing the gift. This is something that should be announced in early fall for people to plan for their Christmas giving.

Historian Sue Lynch reported \$120.00 in book sales for December. We still have 230 books left. It was suggested that everyone ask their pastor if you could place one in the parish library.

Christmas Gift Project We had 135 requests for gifts this Christmas. We had funds left over this year and it was decided to add that amount to next year rather than returning it to the general fund.

Youth Care The Frances Hoffman Circle furnishes hygiene items for homeless youth as well as serving them lunch. The facility where they operate sleeps 23.

May Luncheon The May luncheon will again be held at the Sand Point Country Club – date to be announced later. All circle members are encouraged to attend. It is a fun event. Circles are also encouraged to submit an auction item worth \$100.00. See Newsletter for further information.

Marjorie Ryan Wreath Sale The sale was very successful.

Frances Hoffman Christmas Auction \$2,000 was collected