

ACC Board – January 2023 Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023

CCS Great Room 10:00 – 11:30am

The meeting was called to order by Heidi Bruch and by ACC President Helen Santucci. Maureen Britt conducted the opening prayer.

The November meeting minutes were approved as distributed. There was no meeting in December.

1/12/2023 meeting:

- The Treasurer Report (annual summary) was prepared by Mary Roddy and provided as a handout at the meeting. Mary was absent.

The balance sheet is up to date as of December 31, 2022.

- CTC costs were briefly discussed – earned \$184,300 (gross) – expenses were \$25K.
- Eric Green (endowment advisor), Christy Higgins & Helen Santucci had a call regarding the endowment. It was a challenging year for expenses but as of November 2022, we are up 7%.
- Helen Santucci asked the Board to consider whether ACC should in the future invest in environmentally responsible, or socially responsible, firms. Several Board members will do some checking. Helen will check CTS and the Archdiocese re their current list. E
- Helen Santucci and Linda Bowers provided a discussion summary of the Endowment Funding Review Committee:
The current makeup of the Funding Review Committee: members are from active Circles, and a few members who are currently in a Circle that went inactive. They are “members at large”. The committee is being restructured with new criteria. Any new committee members would need to be involved with an active Circle (a Circle actively raising money). In addition, another goal is to ask for a representative to be selected from each active Circle to attend the Funding Review Committee meetings, which are held twice a year, often via Zoom. The rep would then gain knowledge of the funding process and report back to their Circle members. The Circle rep would not have Endowment Fund Committee voting rights.

Tara O’Connor also suggested that the Board identify an ‘ACC Alum’ category. These would be past ACC Circle members who do not pay dues yet still provide support to ACC and donation dollars. Perhaps create a Tea or another function to honor them.

Alum category add – Board will assess further and see if can be presented for vote at the May meeting.

Heidi discussed that the ACC database is quite old, and it should be updated. A suggestion would be to use “little green light” software for nonprofits. Need an IT person to critique.

CTC – Tara has sent an email: an invite to some Board members to review the suggested every other year criteria, and to hold a meeting. A report will be sent to the Board after the meeting.

Helen discussed that Mary Roddy, Board Treasurer, receives a \$800 annual stipend and requested to increase the amount to \$1,000. (Mary gives the stipend back to ACC so it is a token of appreciation). The Board concurred. A few members also suggested recognizing Mary at the May luncheon as ‘Volunteer Extraordinaire’.

- Endowment Christmas Drive: Reported \$2685
- Calendar Report: \$1170 (\$1030 profit)

- Labor of Love 2023: Dates are 3/12-19/2023. Circle items are due March 1st. Heidi will send emails to all Circles February 1st. Heidi would like to receive ideas from younger members re items they would be interested in bidding on-line. Each Circle member are expected to provide a \$25 donation. Or Circles can pool together to provide an item of greater value.

- Membership (Tara O’Connor)
Any new member – let Heidi Bruch know, as Helen sends the member a President’s letter. Member profile form needs to be filled out.
Also, Goal is to provide information in Parish bulletins. This was done two years ago but covid caused a pause. Tara would like to initiate this again as all the needed materials have already been developed.
The Board agreed, and also suggested that Circle members conduct presentations at Parishes at the end of Mass.

Plan is still to host a Spring 2023 new member event to welcome new members and new Circles; and to continue to encourage Circles to recruit new members.

- May Luncheon:
Issue: This year the cost of use of Sandpoint Golf and Country Club has increased substantially.
Background: ACC has used this facility for many years, possibly 30 years. In the past the dining room cost was free, and the food and beverage minimum has been \$3,000. ACC was notified of the following change for 2023: the dining room would still now have a charge of \$3,000, and the food and beverage minimum is now \$9,000.
Mindy is currently in negotiations, and a few Board members will be checking other facility possibilities.

- Additional Details:
Reminder that Katie McKay Circle will be hosting a Trivia Night at Fatima – February 25, 2023. Cost is \$50/person.

- Next Board meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2023; 9:30-11:30 am at CCS Great Room.

