

# Advocacy and Caring for Children

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Jan 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Britt at 10:00 am. Deirdre Brownlow read a spiritual reflection from Pope Francis.

\*\*\*In attendance were: Patty Shephard Barnes, Maureen Britt, Linda Bowers, Deirdre Brownlow, Barbara Easter, Judy McAteer, Marilyn Price, Stephanie Read, Mary Roddy, Mary Lou Wickwire.

#### MINUTES

November minutes were approved by voice vote.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Roddy presented the treasurer's report with financial statements as of November 2017. She noted that \$20,550 were granted in the fall funding round. The Endowment balance has reached \$895,000 and \$21,450 will be available for the spring grant funding.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maureen Britt announced that Patty Shephard Barnes will be assuming the role of Board President for next year. We will need other Circle members to volunteer to help fill board positions. The Labor of Love auction starts in February. Please encourage Circle members to donate items. We currently have a book value of around \$10,000 and would like to have over \$20,000 by the time the auction starts. Our next board meeting will be here at CCS on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. We are planning to have the April Board meeting in the evening and Mary Lou Wickwire is looking into hosting it at St. Joseph's parish. Also we will be updating our ACC brochures to reflect our new name, so be thinking of ideas regarding what you would like to see in the brochures.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Advocacy:** MaryLou reported that the Youth Tutoring breakfast will be held on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bell Harbour. She also reminded us that the state legislature is now in session and the Children's Alliance is a great conduit for us to advocate.

**Endowment:** Mary Roddy reported that the Endowment received \$6620 in response to our Christmas request. And Lynn Swick again provided beautiful hand made Christmas ornaments to donors.

**Historian:** Sue Lynch was interviewed for an article in Northwest Catholic focusing on the history of CCS.

**100<sup>th</sup> Gala Committee:** Save the date cards were mailed earlier this month. Gayle Kaplan passed around previews of the invitation and rsvp cards. Barbara Easter generously offered to

donate postage for the invite rather than using bulk mail. There was much discussion regarding passing champagne during the opening vs. toasting during the dinner. The committee will make a final decision. On-line reservations will be ready when the invites are mailed. There is a button on the front page of our website for easy navigation.

CIRCLE FUNDRAISERS:

**Anna Donahoe Circle** hosted their annual holiday dinner for members and raised \$12,000.

**St. Bridget Circle** hosted their annual holiday dinner and silent auction. Admission donations were directed to the Endowment.

**Frances Hoffman Circle** hosted their annual Christmas auction fundraiser including dessert auction.

**Irene Hanley Circle** hosted their annual Epiphany dinner fundraiser.

**Marjorie Ryan Circle** held their annual holiday wreath sale and raised \$6000.

**Lilly Peabody Circle** ran their annual bulb sale and also hosted a potluck press jewelry sample sale.

**Katie McKay Circle** hosted a glassybaby fundraiser and also will be taking over the Magnolia Tour of Homes next year.

**Catherine Meloy Circle** will be hosting their annual luncheon and fashion show at the WAC on March 10th

**FMJ Circle** will be hosting their annual Cosmos for a Cause party on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned by Maureen Britt.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Bowers (substitute secretary)