

ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

Minutes for February 7, 2018 ACC Board Meeting

Vice-president Patty Barnes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., followed by an opening prayer for children offered by Deirdre Brownlow. In attendance at our February meeting were Patty Barnes, Deirdre Brownlow, Helen Santucci, Pat Freund, Theresa Gallant, Mary Roddy, Anne Read-Andersen, Judy Schroeder, Lois Eason, Erin Aitken, Kathy Kane, Mary Welch, Barbara Easter, Gayle Kaplan, Maureen Britt and Mary Lou Wickwire.

MINUTES: January minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Roddy provided financial statements and balance sheets for January. She reported that the endowment has reached \$885,639. The goal is to reach \$1 million in the endowment as of our centennial celebration. She corrected the January asset statement to reflect that a \$10,000 (not \$1,000) grant was awarded to Katherine's Place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy: Mary Lou reported that there are bills being considered by the legislature which address early learning, family and community health, children's health, and revenue. A March 24th breakfast fundraiser for Pregnancy Aid will be held at St. Edward's Parish. The Youth Tutoring breakfast fundraiser will be held March 2nd from 7am-8:30 a.m. Judy Schroeder noted that February 21st is Catholic Advocacy Day.

CIRCLE EVENTS:

Katherine Meloy Circle – Luncheon and fashion show will be held March 10th at the Washington Athletic Club.

Fr. Mychal Judge – Cosmos for a Cause will be held March 15th at Newport Hills Yacht Club in Bellevue.

Fr Vogel Circle – Annual luncheon and fashion show will be held April 5th at St. Paul's.

Maude Rogers Circle – Luncheon and fashion show will be held March 24th at Overlake Golf & Country Club.

St. Therese Circle will provide layettes to Pregnancy Aid in March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

100-Year Gala: Theresa Gallant and Mary Welch reported that the invitations have been mailed and are beautiful. The ACC website has a very contemporary look, thanks to Deirdre: it features sponsors of the gala (<https://forthechildrenww.weebly.com>). The gala will be held at the WAC, with two registration desks and two bars, and champagne toasts. Bid numbers will be assigned to fund the endowment. Erin Manca will be the MC, with Pat Dooris leading the bidding for endowment donations. Father Whitney will give the blessing. Deirdre reported that about half the seats are now filled; several more circles reported they still intend to register. The room holds a maximum of 240. Mary said \$3,500 was budgeted to produce ACC's video. The videographer who was initially retained did not produce a usable result, so a second videographer stepped in to finish the project, using some of the material produced

by the first videographer. A client from Youth Tutoring appears in the video. An extra \$2,000 is needed to cover cost of re-working and finalizing the video. The video can be shown at circle fundraisers in the future, highlighting ACC's 100-year history. A motion to approve payment of \$2,000 to Alana DeJoseph Videographer was made, seconded, and approved.

Labor of Love online auction: Volunteers including Gayle Kaplan have assisted in inputting auction items. The auction starts Feb. 10th and runs through the 19th. About \$28,000 in donations have been received to date. Circle members are encouraged to share the link with friends. The most coveted item is two tickets to "Hamilton" at the Paramount for a matinee on March 10th. Dinner & hotel stays are also available as auction items; either would pair nicely with the show.

Next meeting: March 14, 2018 at CCS at 9:30 a.m. Labor of Love items will be distributed to circle members to bring to the winning bidders. The April meeting will be held at 7pm in the Arrupe Room at St. Joseph's Church in Seattle.

Judy Schroeder reported that there is a possible new circle being established in West Seattle.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Read-Andersen
(Morning meeting secretary)