

ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

Minutes for March 14, 2018 ACC Board Meeting

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m., followed by an opening prayer offered a St. Patrick's prayer by Maureen. In attendance at our March meeting were Maureen Britt, Patty Barnes, Deirdre Brownlow, Helen Santucci, Marilyn Price, Nancy O'Brien, Stephanie Read, Anne Read-Andersen, Judy Schroeder, Lois Eason, Kristy Charles, Barbara Easter, Gayle Kaplan, and Mary Lou Wickwire.

MINUTES: February minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Roddy provided financial statements and balance sheets for February, though she could not attend the meeting. Funds from Labor of Love and the gala are not included in the financials for February. LOL raised \$30,536 for items, which is almost 100% of item value. With sponsorship, the auction raised \$31,436, exceeding our goal. Greater giving auction fees totaled \$2,263.69. The endowment is now at \$896,549, without the gala funds (slightly lower than recently due to market fluctuation). "Raise the paddle" at the gala resulted in almost \$100,000 toward the endowment!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

LOL auction: Maureen reported on the Labor of Love auction (see above). Deirdre noted that it was very helpful that many circle members posted their own donations online, sometimes posting their own photos as well. It reduced the amount of work for Gayle and Deirdre.

Gala: Deirdre reported that the Gala raised approximately \$100,000. The video turned out beautifully and the slide show was a big hit as well. Both can be re-used at circle fundraisers. Many thanks to all involved who made the night such a success, with special kudos to Theresa Gallant and the rest of the gala committee. About 250 circle members, spouses and friends attended the gala. Once the video was posted to the ACC website, it immediately got 190 views. The slideshow will also be posted to the website.

May luncheon: The annual luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 9th. Possible speakers were discussed, along with other ideas about honoring former board presidents, sending invitations, etc. Nancy has raffle tickets to deliver to circles, well ahead of the luncheon.

New slate of officers for 2018-19:

President will be Patty Barnes, treasurer will continue to be Mary Roddy, morning secretary will continue to be Anne Read-Andersen, and a new vice president needs to be determined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy: Mary Lou reported that the state legislature has finished its session. The Ellen Hegenauer breakfast supporting Pregnancy and Parenting Support will be held March 24th at St. Edward's parish.

CIRCLE REPORTS:**Cami**

Katherine Meloy held its luncheon this past Saturday, with better attendance (150). No financial information is available yet but the raffle did well.

The Fr. Mychal Judge circle will hold its annual Cosmos for a Cause celebration March 15th.

The Maude Rogers circle's luncheon and fashion show is set for March 24th at the Overlake Golf & Country Club.

The Fr. Joseph Vogel circle's luncheon and fashion show will be on April 5th. The fashion show and raffle are always a big hit. Reservations can be sent to Connie Shore; more information can be found on the events page of ACC's website.

The Fr. Thomas Lane circle's bunco party will be held on April 29th, a Sunday afternoon, at St. Anthony Parish's hall. Ice cream sundaes will follow some riotous bunco.

St. Bridget's circle will host a layette creation party in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Lou said that size 4, 5, 6 diapers are needed at Pregnancy & Parenting Support. Boxes of diapers can be purchased online at Costco and delivered to ACC, then on to the charity.

Patty Barnes suggested that we consider holding an annual party, since the gala was such a fun social event this year.

St. Therese circle will be donating a car seat for February, and Fr. Vogel circle will donate one for March.

Deirdre reminded circles to pay their circle dues before the end of the fiscal year in May. Deirdre noted that she will out of the country for 6 weeks starting in early June, following the Camino de Santiago Spring grants will be considered and funded next month. Our newly increased endowment means 5% of the corpus will be paid out to fund grants instead of the 3% awarded prior to this year. This means at least two more grant requests can be funded.

Next meeting: The April 11th meeting will be held at 7pm in the Arrupe Room at St. Joseph's Church in Seattle. Monica Scott and Stephanie Read are bringing refreshments. Prayer will be offered by Monica Scott (though she doesn't know it yet, but was graciously volunteered by a fellow ACC member).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

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