

# ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

## Minutes for February 8, 2017 ACC Board Meeting

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m., followed by opening prayer offered by Helen Santucci.

In attendance were Deirdre Brownlow, Helen Santucci, Barbara Easter, Joan Walton, Anne Read-Andersen, Mary Lou Wickwire, Nancy O'Brien, Patty Barnes, Sue Lynch, Gayle Kaplan, Kristy Charles, Erika Michels, and Maureen Ridgway.

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented for the January 2016 meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Roddy was out of town, so Deirdre distributed her balance sheet and profit and loss sheet for January 2017. Deirdre reported there is approximately \$793,634 in the endowment fund.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Labor of Love Auction Procurement:** Currently, close to \$30,000 in value of auction items has been donated to LOL. Deirdre is hoping for another \$5,000 or so in donations so that the auction can net as close to \$30,000 as possible. Circle members are encouraged to register to bid; to ask at least five friends to register for and bid at the auction; and to post information about LOL on Facebook. There is a link to the LOL auction on ACC's website, so one can register, donate or access the bidding page from there. Maureen reminded us that the more non-ACC friends we include in the auction, the more successful it will be. Julie Little is offering an Italian pizza party at her home for 20 ACC members or friends, separate from the LOL auction.

**April meeting:** New dates were discussed for the April evening meeting: either April 10<sup>th</sup> or sometime the week of April 17<sup>th</sup> are possibilities. Patty Barnes will check with Assumption Parish as to availability.

**Insurance:** ACC's insurance policy lapses very soon (February 14<sup>th</sup>). Patty Barnes checked with Farmers (with whom she carries her insurance), and Deirdre has checked with the insurer for CCS. Kristy Charles mentioned that her fellow circle member is an insurance agent for Parker Smith and Feek and can get a third quote from her. ACC needs all-event insurance, plus a D&O policy. Officers have never been covered by ACC's policy but that needs to change.

**Name change:** Maureen will notify the Archdiocese, IRS, and State of Washington regarding the change. Deirdre said that she and Marilyn Price are developing a timeline for contacting appropriate entities. Deirdre has reserved the domain name for our new name. A new logo will need to be designed to update or replace the current logo. There was lots of discussion regarding various design ideas.

**ACC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration:** Maureen will contact a design firm that can develop marketing materials. The celebration might be combined with the Celebrate the Children fundraiser and the memorial Mass, set for early 2018. Possible venues are the center for Urban Horticulture, MOHAI, etc. Joan Walton had good ideas regarding marketing ACC in order to develop new circles and continue the work of ACC in upcoming generations.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advocacy:** Mary Lou Wickwire reported that the “Have a Heart for Kids” Day in Olympia on 2017 was a success. The “Dream Big” breakfast will be held March 3, 2017 at Bell Harbor Conference Center. Traditionally we have had an ACC table at this event.

**By-law review committee:** Barbara Easter has agreed to review the by-laws this year with the help of another volunteer.

**May Luncheon (May 10<sup>th</sup>):** Nancy O’Brien has raffle tickets to distribute. Deirdre emphasized that the raffle used to net \$4,000 and now only nets half as much. In the past, circle members marketed the raffle to those outside of ACC. It would be very helpful if each circle were to take and sell two extra books.

## **CIRCLE EVENTS AND PROJECT UPDATES:**

**Katherine Meloy Circle:** Its luncheon and fashion show will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Athletic Club for \$55/person.

**Fr. Joseph Vogel Circle:** Its fashion show and luncheon will be held April 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Parish for \$20/person.

**Maude Rogers Circle** will hold its luncheon and fashion show on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Glendale Country Club.

**Tour of Homes:** Joan Walton reported that the tour netted approximately \$35,000 with the help of many volunteers. Well done!

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Deirdre suggested a fundraising opportunity with Stella and Dot, a jewelry party opportunity. An ACC circle might want to throw a party as an additional or new fundraising idea

A legislative report by Josephine Tamayo Murray was distributed. It highlights state legislation affecting children’s interests.

Deirdre also noted that she has updated ACC’s profile for Benevity, so we are now approved for electronic funds transfer for matching gift purposes.

Thanks to Joan Walton and Helen Santucci for hospitality this morning.

**Hospitality:** Maureen Britt will do the prayer at the March meeting; Judy McAteer, Nancy O’Brien & Mary Lou Wickwire will provide refreshments at both the March and April meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Read-Andersen

(Morning meeting secretary)