

Advocacy and Caring for Children

Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

Treasurer Mary Roddy called the meeting to order at 10 am and Nancy O'Brien offered the opening prayer. President Patty Barnes and VP Helen Santucci were unable to attend. In attendance were: Mary Roddy, Deirdre Brownlow, Linda Bowers, Marilyn Price, Maureen Britt, Nancy O'Brien, Gayle Kaplan, Tara O'Connor, Erin Manca, Lois Eason, Stephanie Read, Mary Lou Wickwire, Judy Schroeder, Pat Freund, Eva Dougherty.

A Moment of Silence was held to honor the passing of Sharon Haggerty Anderson and Sally Thomson, as well as Michael Cochran, husband of Pam Cochran.

Minutes:

The January minutes were approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Accepted as distributed. This reflects income and expenses for the second half of 2019 and January 2020. The treasurer requests that all circles send in their dues if they have not done so as it was noted that dues have not been paid for all active and inactive members.

Celebrate the Children:

Gayle Kaplan and Erin Manca announced that the event will be held on October 2, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Tyee Yacht Club. Arrangements have been made for more heat this year so people can appreciate the lovely view from the deck and a contracted sound person.

Membership Committee:

Tara O'Connor distributed the Membership committee report. 17 circles sent in their membership report. We currently have 305 members (inactive and active) There are 18 new members this year to date. 6 circles reported the recruitment of new members. A new Membership Event will be held on March 25th at Café Javasti in Wedgwood from 7-9pm. Each circle is invited to send 1-2 members (ambassadors) who are interested in helping with the recruitment of new members and invitation of prospective members. Invitations will come out online, not mailed. If a circle has new members, please send in the new member's contact information with dues to the office asap so that welcome letter, news and emails can be sent to the new member. There is a possibility of holding another similar Membership event on the Eastside. *handout details on attachment

Communication Report:

Josephine McDermott circle has prepared backpack layettes for February.

PrePS requests that 2/3 of layettes should be for girls and 1/3 for boys. They also need gently used clothing for boys in sizes 4-12. Shoes, sippy cups and winter coats in larger sizes are also needed. Photos are requested for Groopit and ACC website when circles deliver items.

Sacred Heart Shelter- typically need dinners for 30 and there is a sign up on the Shelter website. Circles are encouraged to do this as a circle project. Left over food is also welcomed after any event sponsored by a Circle. [Sign up link](#)

The bulk mailing (\$240) payment will be continued for another year and the decision made next year re: whether it is financially appropriate.

Labor of Love will begin on Feb 14. Many items have been donated and it is ready to start with a financial goal of \$25,000.

Fund raiser possibility- Remlinger pie baking flyer distributed. "The pies sell themselves".

Deirdre announced that she will be leaving her position in the office this Spring due to a full private calendar and family commitments. It is suggested that we evaluate the number of hours needed for this position. Deirdre will be sorely missed as she brought enthusiasm and so many skills to the position.

Grant Funding:

Stephanie Read said that the Application for Funding form is under review.

May Luncheon and All Association Meeting:

May 14th, 2020, 11 am at Sand Point Country Club. Raffle tickets will be available at next Board meeting. Marilyn Price will contact SPCC to determine if more than one menu item can be offered. Contact [Maureen Britt](#) to let her know what each circle will donate for raffle.

Upcoming Events:

Trivia Night, Katie McKay Circle, Feb. 22, Our Lady of Fatima Center 6:30pm

Dream Big Breakfast, CCS Youth Tutoring Program, SU Champion Hall, March 5, 7am

Katherine Meloy Circle Luncheon celebrating their circle, March 14th, Washington Athletic Club

Cosmos for a Cause, March 19, 6-9pm Newport Shores Yacht Club

New Member Welcome Social, March 25th at Café Javasti in Wedgwood from 7-9pm

PrePS Annual Breakfast April 4, St. Edwards Parish Hall, 8 am.

Fr. Joseph Vogel Circle Luncheon and Fashion Show, April 16th, St. Paul Parish – Romans Hall

ACC Calendars:

All the Board members present support the continuation of the Calendars as a fund raiser.

Thank you for the treats and coffee Maureen Britt, Mary Lou Wickwire and Nancy O'Brien.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Price (morning meeting secretary)