

## ADVOCACY AND CARING FOR CHILDREN

### Minutes for June 12th, 2019 ACC End-of-year Board Meeting

President Patty Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. at Bennet's restaurant for an end-of-year celebration and brief meeting. Those in attendance were: Patty Barnes, Helen Santucci, Deirdre Brownlow, Maureen Britt, Marilyn Price, Tara O'Connor, Erin Manca, Anne Read-Andersen, Linda Bowers, Stephanie Read, Kristen Dittmaier, Barbara Easter and Gayle Kaplan.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Roddy was unable to attend but provided financial statements and balance sheets for April and May. Endowment is at approximately \$1.02 million. Patty noted that income generated by circle fundraisers was up about \$5,000 over last year, without taking into account proceeds of the holiday tour.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Membership drive:** Patty thanked Anne Quigg for all her efforts to increase ACC's membership. As Anne moves on, Helen Santucci, Tara O'Connor, and Kristen Dittmaier will take on her responsibilities, with assistance from Deirdre and Patty. Rather than recruiting through parish pastors, they will target women known personally to them who are motivated. St. Anne parish and Sacred Heart parish in Bellevue were specifically mentioned. Stephanie Read noted that several people expressed interest in ACC at the Frances Hoffman bake sale. That circle intends to hold a potluck at the end of the year at which they can introduce some new women to the ACC concept. To that end, Patty unveiled a beautiful new ACC brochure and poster which circles can use as advertising at their fundraisers. Many thanks to Marilyn Price for generating those materials. Patty also suggested recruiting new members at the Celebrate the Children event in October. Tara reported the suggestion that board members do a "road show" this fall to different circle meetings to provide information about adding new members and increasing fundraising.

**Memorial Mass:** The Katherine Meloy circle will host the Memorial Mass once again. It will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

**Celebrate the Children:** This new fundraiser will be held Friday, October 25, 2019 and is designed both to raise funds and to increase membership. The format will include about five live auction items, a raffle, a raise the paddle, and a speaker from one of our grant recipients (possibly Sacred Heart Shelter). Erin and Patty reported that save the dates were sent and the sponsor letter and procurement form are ready. Debbie Sauvage has a sponsor request list to start with. Patty recommended that we approach potential sponsors in person as folks generally will not donate in response to an online request. Stephen Kilbreath will be the auctioneer and emcee and a speaker from one of our grant recipient organizations will be approached. The CTC committee has viewed the space at The Landing at Tyee and is engaging a caterer. Glassybabies have been ordered to sell at the event: they come in blue and white and will have a cross engraved on them. Deirdre reported on the Children's Alliance fundraiser which is bigger and more elaborate than this first new Celebrate the Children event. Children's Alliance had 55 sponsors, most of which made fairly small (\$1,000 - \$5,000) donations.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 9:30am for social hour, 10:00am meeting start time.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Read-Andersen , (Morning meeting secretary)