

## **ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD**

### **Minutes for April 11, 2018 ACC Board Meeting**

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., followed by an opening prayer for strength offered by Deirdre Brownlow. In attendance at our April meeting were Maureen Britt, Deirdre Brownlow, Monica Scott, Helen Santucci, Marilyn Price, Nancy O'Brien, Anne Read-Andersen, Judy McAteer, Lois Eason, Stephanie Read, Mary Lou Wickwire, Mary Roddy, Theresa Gallant, Patty Barnes, Joyce Butler, and Marilyn Arndtson.

**MINUTES:** March minutes were approved by voice vote after some edits to the endowment were suggested.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Roddy provided financial statements and balance sheets for March. Proceeds from the gala are still being collected, so the \$995,000 endowment total should increase. The grant funding committee distributed \$10,000 toward spring grants, with \$11,000 to be paid out toward fall grants. Mary walked us through the income and expense details for the Gala, for which net profits were \$20,600.15, exclusive of raise the paddle donations which are an unrelated line item. Mary suggested that the net profits should go toward the endowment, which puts the total endowment over the \$1 million goal.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**May luncheon:** The annual luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Circles were reminded to take a group photo at the luncheon and submit to Deirdre. Cost is \$40 per person; please have the circle treasurer write one check for your entire circle. The RSVP deadline for the luncheon is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill Halloran and Carol Ryan will be the speakers; the latter is the head of Adoption Services. There was some discussion about whether to add a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake for ACC. There are usually about 100 attendees at the luncheon, and at least twenty-five more could be accommodated without being overcrowded.

#### **Officers for 2018-19:**

Incoming president Patty Barnes reported that Anne Quigg has agreed to serve as vice-president for membership this year. (She will not succeed Patty as president, however.) The treasurer will continue to be Mary Roddy and the morning secretary will continue to be Anne Read-Andersen. Patty noted that volunteering for a board position involves an 8-month commitment, but not that much time.

#### **100<sup>th</sup> Gala:**

It was moved and approved that all funds raised at and by the Gala, including donations made afterward as a result of Gala efforts, shall go toward the endowment fund.

#### **ACC event photos:**

Photos of the Gala were accidentally deleted by our talented amateur photographer, so ACC needs members to submit their circle photos to Deirdre Brownlow to document the Gala. Other photos of circle events, as well as action shots of members volunteering, are needed for ACC's marketing and archives. Deirdre suggested taking a circle photo at the May luncheon and submitting it to her.

**Labor of Love Auction:**

Patty Barnes initiated a discussion of ways to make the online auction even more financially successful, including increasing the number of gift cards offered. Deirdre Brownlow said she and Gayle Kaplan were initially worried about how many gift cards – especially multiple gift cards to the same restaurant – had been donated, but found that all went for value or above value. Deirdre also noted that people from all over the country registered to bid at the Labor of Love auction, and that those folks won't bid on home-baked goods but will purchase gift cards. Mary Roddy expressed her hope that LOL does not turn into strictly a gift card auction. Dinner parties, group events, baked goods, etc. should be retained because it is a "Labor of Love." Maureen Britt noted that if we can attract bidders who are not ACC members, then the burden on members to bid up items is relieved.

**ACC OFFICE COORDINATOR REPORT:**

**Name change status:** Deirdre reported that the IRS now has our name change on file, which resolves the last major step of the name change process. Our reseller permit was just issued as well.

**Website information:** Deirdre proposed making the newsletter a quarterly rather than monthly publication, and it was so moved and approved. It was noted that keeping the ACC website up-to-date is a more effective means of disseminating current information about ACC and circle news and events. Deirdre would also like to have other circle members write and submit items for the newsletter.

**Possible opportunity:** ACC was approached by Susanna Moore of GroupIn, which does online event sign-ups and is offering to help grow our membership. Deirdre, Patty Barnes, and Anne Quigg have set up a meeting with the Susanna and Tammy Savage of the Bishop O'Dea circle, though it's not certain that the service it offers is appropriate for the needs of ACC.

**Anonymous donation:** Twenty \$100 bills were sent to ACC from a train society in Philadelphia. Years ago, either Father Mychal Judge himself or an unidentified member of the Father Mychal Judge circle apparently helped the anonymous donor, so that donor decided to give back to ACC in this fashion. Very mysterious and very generous!

**Diaper donation:** An anonymous circle sends a monthly donation of diapers to ACC, which Deirdre forwards on to Pregnancy Support. The donation is much appreciated! Mary Lou added that Pregnancy Support has the lowest stock of size 5 and 6 diapers, since many donors choose to give smaller size diapers.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advocacy:** Mary Lou noted that "if a community values its children it must cherish its mothers." ACC continues to advocate for children although the legislature is not in session at the moment.

**Pregnancy Support Breakfast for Life:** Mary Lou reported that \$7,000 was raised, up from \$4,000 last year. It was held early on a Saturday morning so the breakfast was somewhat lightly attended.

**Endowment:** Theresa suggested that if anyone has not yet contributed to the endowment, self-addressed white envelopes were distributed to circles at the beginning of the fiscal year; contributions are always welcome.

**Spring grant funding:** Helen reported that \$78,500 was distributed toward nine spring grants. Four of the grants were fully funded and the rest were funded at 75% or more. The disbursed funds included

\$68,500 from the general fund and a \$10,000 draw on the endowment. A further \$11,450 from the endowment is available to be distributed toward fall grants. Grant recipients included Adoption Services – CCS King County; Community Based Foster Care – CCS SW; Emergency Assistance – CCS King County, Kent and Bellevue; and other worthy causes.

**CIRCLE REPORTS:**

The Fr. Mychal Judge circle held its annual Cosmos for a Cause celebration at Newport Shores Swim Club on March 15<sup>th</sup>, raising approximately \$13,000.

The Maude Rogers circle's luncheon and fashion show was held March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Overlake Golf & Country Club, with 142 tickets sold. Joyce Butler reported that the event raised over \$12,000. An "angel fund" comprised between \$4,000 and \$5,000 of the total, and there was also a silent auction. The live auction included an extra special bottle of wine; a couple of John Edgar prints; and a Gonzaga package. Raffle items included a garden basket, Italian basket, etc. There were several restaurant donations, some paired with Village Theatre tickets.

The Fr. Joseph Vogel circle's luncheon and fashion show were held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is no information yet on the net proceeds from the luncheon, but board members who attended reported how much fun the fashion show and raffle were.

Frances Hoffman Circle will hold its annual bake sale on May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at Assumption Parish following all three Masses.

St. Bridget's circle will host a layette creation party on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lilly Peabody Circle has decided not to sell daffodil and tulip bulbs next year but are interested in having another circle take over this historic fundraiser. Roozen nursery in Skagit Valley started donating 7500 daffodil and tulip bulbs to the Irene Hanley circle for sale back in 1952. One circle member of Irene Hanley would store them in her garage, while other circle members sold them via printed order forms. Lilly Peabody took over the bulb sale from the Irene Hanley Circle in 2000, but the circle has fewer members to run the sale now and can't commit to the bulb sale any longer. The nursery delivers the bulbs in about 30 crates, then circle members need to bag the bulbs and store them in a cool place. Bulbs are sold by the dozen, and in recent years the order has been reduced to 5,000 bulbs. Each year the sale raises about \$3,000.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Deirdre's service to ACC was recognized with a well-deserved bonus, to be spent wisely on her journey along the Camino de Santiago this June. She will be taking a 6-week sabbatical and we wish her a wonderful adventure!

**Next meeting:** The June meeting will be held at a date and time to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Read-Andersen  
Secretary