

ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

Minutes for November 9, 2017 ACC Board Meeting

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m., followed by opening prayer offered by Maureen, from an ACC ledger dating back to 1971. Maureen suggested adopting a new ACC prayer for the next 100 years. The efficacy of having evening meetings was briefly discussed, as there was low attendance and most who attended October's evening meeting normally attend morning meetings.

In attendance at our November meeting were Maureen Britt, Deirdre Brownlow, Victoria Bermel, Michelle Kujath, Nancy O'Brien, Mary Roddy, Anne Read-Andersen, Marilyn Price, JoAnne King, Barbara Easter, Stephanie Read, Gayle Kaplan and Mary Lou Wickwire.

MINUTES: October minutes were approved by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Roddy provided financial statements and balance sheets for October. She reported that the endowment has reached \$884,000, with a \$20,500 deduction since then to fund fall grants. The goal is to reach \$1 million in the endowment by next year's centennial celebration.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Name change: Maureen reported that 90% of the administrative work of making the name change has been completed. Deirdre gave details noting that, for IRS purposes, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops ("USCCB") has recognized /"regulized" ACC. Kudos to Deirdre and Mary Roddy for working to accomplish the change. Obtaining a listing in the Official Catholic Directory ("OCD") was the next step, which has also been accomplished. The final step is that the USCCB must send our name change form to the IRS. Basically, the name change should be fully effective as of early January 2018 or at the latest early February, prior to the Labor of Love auction.

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner: Gayle reported that the committee is working on the guest list for the Sat., March 3rd gala. Coincidentally, the original articles of corporation were signed on March 3, 1919 (though ACC was formed the year before). ACC was originally known as the Seattle Council of Catholic Women. Fr. Whitney will preside over the centennial gala at the Washington Athletic Club, and descendants of founding and early ACC members will be invited. Save the dates will go out soon, with invitations to be mailed in early January. Barbara Easter reported on her visit to the WAC with Theresa Gallant for planning purposes. There will be passed champagne and appetizers at the outset, with perhaps a no-host bar as well. The WAC is reducing its corkage fee by half. Complimentary parking is included, with valet parking for those with handicap placards. Circles should plan to carpool, especially those with older, non-driving members. Our goal is to mainly celebrate our 100-year anniversary, as well as use the raise the paddle to reach our endowment goal of \$1 million. It was suggested that the new video should preview it at the venue ahead of time to make sure it shows well. Ticket price will be \$100 per person. The master of ceremonies will be Pat Dooris, whose mother is a member of the Maud Rogers circle.

Award for 100 Year Gala: It was agreed that a lifetime service award might be better suited to the May luncheon rather than the 100-year gala.

Other events to celebrate 100 years: Maureen is researching the possibility of holding Mass at St. James Cathedral, said by the archbishop, to highlight the good works by ACC.

Memorial Mass: This celebration was held Nov. 8th at Our Lady of Fatima. Those attending agreed it was a very cozy space for the post-Mass luncheon, with wonderful prayers of the faithful. Deirdre commented that the mass was a moment of renewal of faith and commitment to ACC. The post-Mass luncheon was a lovely gathering, made for re-connecting with friends from other circles. The Gala is another wonderful opportunity to re-connect as a broader organization.

Labor of Love auction: Deirdre explained discussed ACC's tax-exempt status. We need to generate ideas to get non-circle members to bid online. It was suggested that a flyer be sent to Catholic schools to include in their school newsletters, perhaps highlighting items of special interest to school families. Deirdre will donate tickets to "Hamilton," and hopefully a package including hotel and restaurant can be created. Volunteers are needed to help with procurement, starting immediately.

New brochures and printed materials with new name: Volunteers with experience in this field are needed. All circle activities this year will need to include "formerly known as" and "celebrating 100 years of Advocacy and Caring for Children" in any advertising of their fundraisers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Advocacy: Mary Lou reported that the annual meeting of the Childrens' Alliance will be held Dec. 5th at the NW African-American Museum. Some state legislators will attend, and the Alliance will report on the measures it will be sponsoring in the upcoming legislative session.

Christmas Giving letter: If you donate to the endowment, a handmade ornament will be sent to you in appreciation. Donations can be made in memory of a loved one. Deirdre will post a photo of the ornament on the ACC website.

Christmas fund: Susan Hruska is trying to determine which organizations most need Christmas gifts for needy families.

Grant funding: Requests were \$90,000 this grant cycle. With contributions from the endowment, ACC distributed \$77,800 to nine entities this fall.

Hospitality: Still need folks to sign up for January and March meetings.

Historian: The features editor of Northwest Catholic is writing a story about charities that support the needy in the Archdiocese, so ACC and its historical book will be included in the article. The book's authors, Sue Lynch and Joanne King, met with the editor to give information about ACC and its history. Maureen suggested trying to get a feature article just about ACC, recognizing its centennial.

CIRCLE FUNDRAISERS

St. Bridget Circle: Paperwhites can be picked up on November 18th at St. Bridget's.

Marjorie Ryan Circle: Will be selling Christmas wreaths in upcoming months.

Fr. Thomas Lane Circle: Will be selling poinsettias.

Next meeting: January 10, 2018 at CCS at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:08 p.m.

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