

## ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD Minutes for October 10, 2017 Board Meeting

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 7:20 followed by an opening prayer "Kindness" read by Mary Lou Wickwire.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Maureen Britt, Kate Szymanski, Suzan Hruska, Monica Scott, Helen Santucci, Nancy O'Brien, Kathy Kane, Pat Freund, Mary Lou Wickwire, Gayle Kaplan, Deirdre Brownlow, Judy Schroeder

**MINUTES:** Approved as presented for the May 2017 and September 2017 meetings.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** As of September 2017 the total Operating Budget is \$115,648.44 and the Endowment Fund is at \$871,159.19

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- **Name Change Status:** Deirdre is working on getting our non-profit status approved through the Council of Catholic Bishops and having us placed in the Kennedy Directory. The process is called Regularizing and there is much paperwork involved in ensuring we are who we say we are. We will ultimately be redefined as an Auxiliary Organization.
- **100 Year Anniversary Gala:** "It's gonna be really cool and fancy" – Gayle Kaplan
  - A "Save the Date" will go out at the end of October via bulk mail. Mailing list should be cleaned up before the January Invitation mailing.
  - The room can accommodate 250 guests and 10 people per table. Talk to your circle members about ideas for invitees and sponsoring a table.
  - There will be a high-level video presented, as well as an Ask (in lieu of raffles, etc.).
  - March 3, 2018 \$100 per person includes free parking (valet for those in need), dinner & wine.
  - Suggested that we honor a member, past or present, at the Gala. The idea to do that at our annual luncheon was also presented.
- **Memorial Mass:** Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Magnolia, tickets are \$25 each. Members are encouraged to put together a table within their circle but not necessary.
- **Labor of Love Auction:** Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>....We need ideas to spread the word and get non-members bidding too! Please e-mail Maureen with promotional ideas.  
Items that sell best – Food, Wine, and Gift Cards.  
Please like it on Facebook – it would be nice to reach 100 likes.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Advocacy:** Legislature is not in session at this time. St. Catherine Parish member Bob Ferguson's name was brought up as an invitee to the Gala dinner - Robert Watson Ferguson is an American attorney and politician who is the 18th and current Attorney General of Washington, serving since 2013. He was first elected Attorney General in 2012, and reelected in 2016.
- **Endowment:** The Endowment committee is hard at work making the Gala dinner a huge success and report that the video presentation is progressing. They are also promoting the White Envelope Drive and hoping for 100% participation from all circles. Last year \$38,463.38 was raised with only 51% participating...imagine what we can do with 100%!
- **Christmas Fund:** Are our efforts duplicating other organizations?... Maybe we should be focusing on fewer programs? Please find out level of interest from your circles with ideas about where gifts should go this holiday season. Gift cards and cash are also welcome. Please reach out to Suzan Hruska via e-mail [shruska@comcast.net](mailto:shruska@comcast.net) with ideas and donations.

**Next meeting will be Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the upper room at Catholic Community Services**