

ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

Minutes for October 2018 Board Meeting

The evening started at 7pm with a social ½ hour, thank you to Gayle, Patty, Deirdre and Erin for the treats. Patty called for the official start of the meeting at 7:30

IN ATTENDANCE: Patty Shepherd-Barns , Kate Szymanski, Mary Roddy, Anne Read-Andersen, Gayle Kaplan, Deirdre Brownlow , Anne Quigg, Pam O'Brien, Marilyn Price, Kristen Dittmaier, Mary Welch, Judy Schroeder, JoAnne King, Jan Alkire and Eric Green.

MINUTES: Approved as presented from the September meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Current assets are at \$111,579. The Endowment fund is valued at over \$1,000,000

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- For planning purposes it is requested that Board Members RSVP to Deirdre if they are NOT attending. This will help with the snacks as well as how many documents need to be printed out prior to the meeting.
- Patty welcomed Eric Green, CFP for the Endowment Fund. He summarized that Russell Investments in Seattle put together our portfolio. They are great with not for profit organizations and ours is managed with the same strategies as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It is a measured approach where the principle grows without too much risk.
- People over 70 who are forced to withdraw money from their IRA's, and may not need that income, may save on taxes by giving to a charitable organization.
- Patty is hoping for fill the 1st vice president position. She asked that all circle chairs ask members to consider the position knowing that they will be moving up to the president position at some point. She is happy to talk with anyone who might be interested. She assured everyone that with Deirdre at the helm of ACC the position is very doable.
- Bill Hallerman from CCS is driving a van to visit some of the centers that we provide grants to. The first trip is full but a sign- up sheet was passed around for a 2nd trip.
- The Labor of Love auction if Feb. 16-25. Having a Procurement Chair would be very beneficial, please ask your circles if someone would be interested - Deirdre will be very helpful in working with that person. One person from each circle putting things on-line would also be helpful. The site is now active – www.laborofloveauction.org
- An exciting new fundraiser is in the works and will be revealed at the November meeting.
- The Least of These books are available at no charge; circle chairs should feel free to take a few for interested people.
- A discussion about reducing fees for new members who may not be able to afford it. It was discussed that circles could pitch in to cover the cost if necessary. There was a motion to keep the dues at \$25 and it was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Celebration Memorial Mass:** Will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish with Fr. Hagelin presiding. Our 100 year celebration will be incorporated. Please RSVP early to help with catering numbers. Pay your circle treasurer who will write one check to ACC.
- **Membership:** Anne Quigg has taken the helm and would like input from members, especially about getting young people involved. She is willing to visit parishes to tap into potential membership as well as presenting the idea of 2nd circles within a parish. annedonovanquigg@gmail.com; 206-909-5255 Cell
- **Groopit:** Lot of people and circles are using it. The connections are great and we can see what circles are up to.

- **Fundraisers:**
 - Marilyn Price said St. Bridget Circle is selling candles instead of paperwhites this year.
 - Kristen Dittmaier from Josephine McDermott Circle said they will be selling "Friendship Soup" pre-order now for delivery by Nov. 8.
 - Marjorie Ryan circle is selling poinsettias and wreaths. Deadline to order is Nov. 7
 - Please find the order forms on the ACC website and Groopit.
- **New Brochure:** It is in the works, it will be reworked to fit into a #10 business envelope.
- **Layette/car seats:** A sign-up sheet was passed. If your circle is able to donate either or both please consider it.
- **Endowment:** Close to 100% of endowment donations are reported but would also like Circle's to report in-kind donations.
- **Circle by-laws:** Please report any changes to circle by-laws before the November meeting. Deirdre has a letter for banks regarding our name change if it is needed.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm

Next meeting will be Nov 14 at 9:30am for social ½ hour, meeting starts at 10am at CCS upstairs room.