

ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD

Minutes for October 10, 2019 ACC Board Meeting

President Patty Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and Deirdre offered an opening prayer. In attendance were Patty Barnes, Deirdre Brownlow, Marilyn Price, Maureen Britt, Stephanie Read, Janice Walters, Marisol Joynt, Erin Manca, Anne Read-Andersen, Gayle Kaplan, Linda Bowers, Cele Keith, Helen Santucci, Marilyn Arndtson and Joyce Butler.

MINUTES: September minutes were approved by voice vote after one slight change regarding wreath & poinsettia sales.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Roddy was out of town so Deirdre distributed and discussed the financial statements and balance sheets Mary prepared for September 2019 (in draft form). Endowment is at \$1,067,419.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Membership: A toolkit was developed by the membership committee to assist circles in spreading the word about ACC and in recruiting new members and circles. The toolkit includes the new brochure. Foam-backed posters are also available for use at circle fundraisers, to spark interest among attendees, and there are yard signs and sandwich boards for use at events. Patty has been to the initial meetings of three different circles to discuss ACC's history and future, as well as ways to increase membership.

Circle fundraising plan: By the end of October, each circle's fundraising plan should be submitted to Deirdre.

Next evening/offsite board meeting: Mary Lou Wickwire secured a room at St. Joseph Parish in Seattle for April 16, 2020.

COMMITTEE AND CIRCLE BUSINESS:

Celebrate the Children: Co-chairs Erin Manca and Gayle Kaplan thanked the planning team for its efforts. Sponsorship and donor proceeds are over \$71,000 to date, two weeks before the event. The feel of the evening will be Friday night casual and there will be plenty of seating, along with high-tops. Live auction items include a Puerto Vallarta time-share, a taco truck for 75 people with keg, etc., and there are many other fun live items. There will be plenty of raffle items as well, along with unique glassybaby and a raise the paddle at the end of the evening. The goal is to make this an annual event, with funds raised split between endowment and grant funding.

Communication: Deirdre explained that ACC is no longer producing a newsletter, so circle chairs need to disseminate board information at meetings. The new ACC website is very clear and includes a member page with new guidelines for ACC circles and members; ACC documents; an events page; and links to social media, including Facebook, Instagram and Groopit (note that Groopit is private). On Groopit, circles post about their fundraisers, meetings, etc. to keep other ACC members in the loop.

Membership: Helen Santucci brought information packets to the meeting. Posters, foam core posterboards, etc. are available to help encourage interest, especially by younger potential members. A suggestion was made to find further uses for the video created for the Gala last year.

Celebration Memorial Mass: The Memorial Mass and luncheon will be held Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 at Our Lady of Fatima. The Katherine Meloy circle will generously host once again. Lunch is \$30/person to fully cover the costs of the luncheon and Mass. The registration form is available on the ACC website and is due by November 1, 2019. We are honoring about 10 deceased members this year.

Grant funding: The next meeting of the grant funding committee will be held the first week of November. Deirdre noted that Humble Designs has submitted a grant request. This new grant applicant solicits donations of furniture and decor for families with children to help with the transition from homelessness to more permanent homes. Deirdre said the charity offered to host an ACC day so ACC members can help set up an apartment. Patty encouraged the committee to broaden its thinking about potential new grant recipients so we don't always support the same entities. If a circle has an interest in a particular grant seeker, it's good to support them.

St. Bridget's circle: Marilyn Price reported that her circle is holding a candle sale this year. Order forms are available on the website.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 9:30am at CCS .

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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