

## **ASSOCIATION FOR CATHOLIC CHILDHOOD**

### **Minutes for September 13, 2017 ACC Board Meeting**

President Maureen Britt called the meeting to order at 10:08a.m., followed by opening prayer offered by Deirdre Brownlow in celebration of change and new beginnings.

In attendance were Maureen Britt, Deirdre Brownlow, Sue Lynch, Kristy Charles, Lois Eason, Rose Roni, Judy McAteer, Gayle Kaplan, Mary Roddy, Patty Barnes, Anne Read-Andersen, Marilyn Price, JoAnne King, Barbara Easter, and Mary Lou Wickwire.

**MINUTES:** June minutes were approved by voice vote.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mary Roddy provided financial statements and balance sheets for June, July and August, covering the summer recess. She reported that the endowment has reached a little over \$868,000. The goal is to reach \$1 million in the endowment by next year's centennial celebration.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Name change:** Maureen and Deirdre propose a revision to the bylaws to comport with requirements of the US Conference of Bishops, in order to effect the name change. The bylaws need to clarify that funds raised will go directly to Catholic Community Services and related programs. They also need to specify which entity will receive ACC assets if the organization is ever disbanded. Maureen suggested that the bylaws designate current grantees as the beneficiaries if ACC is dissolved. Both changes were approved by voice vote. 7

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner** – Gayle Kaplan collaborated with Michelle Psyhogeos, Linda Bowers, Erin Manca and others to draft a save the date and invitation to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala dinner. We plan to bill our celebration as the “Catholic Party of the Year.” It will be held Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at the WAC in downtown Seattle. The WAC can accommodate about 250 people. Tickets will cost \$100 per person and it's anticipated there will be no raffles or games at the gala.

Maureen Britt proposed establishing an award for service to ACC, with the first recipient to be announced at the gala. Ongoing annual awards would be given at the May luncheon. There was discussion as to standards for the award, etc.

The method of raising endowment funds at the gala was also discussed. One possibility is to use a bid number/paddle, to create some competition; another is to have pre-printed pledge cards at the table; yet another is to have a general pledge card at each table, on which attendees can write the amount of their endowment pledge and submit a check.

Deirdre suggested providing a tote bag with the ACC logo to gala attendees, which would hold the attendees' envelope and a calendar. The bags would provide some free advertising for ACC.

Kristy Charles suggested selling engraved glassy babies at the gala as another source of endowment funds.

**Memorial Mass:** Mass will be held on November 8, 2017 at Our Lady of Fatima.

**Labor of Love auction:** Dates have been moved up so as not to interfere with the fundraising efforts at the Gala Dinner. Online auction is now scheduled for February 10-19, 2018.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Advocacy:** Mary Lou reported that there will be sign-ups for diaper bags + layettes, or for child car seats. People generously responded to the call for size 5 and 6 diapers this summer.

Dues are now \$25 per circle member: for active, inactive, or supporting members (the latter is a member without a circle). Calendars now cost \$5 apiece.

**Membership:** Patty Barnes has stepped up as the new chair of the membership committee to replace Joan Walton, who has stepped down from the board.

**Thank you:** ACC circles responded generously to the Youth Tutoring Program's request for school supplies this summer, as well as to Pregnancy Support's request for size 5 and 6 diapers. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **CIRCLE FUNDRAISERS**

**St. Therese Circle:** A wine-tasting fundraiser was held August 20<sup>th</sup> at Woodhouse Wine Estates in Woodinville. The circle raised about \$5,000, with final numbers still pending (the winery donated 15% to the circle of each bottle sold). A speaker from Sophia's Way explained their mission in a very engaging way. Next year, the fundraiser may be held in early October. The circle used the Square app to process credit card donations.

**St. Bridget Circle:** Paperwhites will be offered by the St. Bridget circle in October. They will need to be pre-ordered by Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and picked up on November 18<sup>th</sup> 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:** October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Catherine of Siena, hosted by the Marjorie Ryan Circle. Patty Barnes will provide wine and appetizers.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:36 a.m.

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