

**ADVOCACY & CARING FOR CHILDREN**  
**Minutes for May 9, 2019 ACC Luncheon Meeting**

President Patty Barnes called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 p.m. and Marilyn Price offered an opening prayer. In attendance at the May luncheon were multiple board members and representatives of many circles.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Patty gave the report on behalf of Mary Roddy who could not attend. The endowment totals over \$1 million. Recent circle fundraisers and the Labor of Love auction were so successful that \$71,000 in spring grants were funded in full without touching the endowment. There is approximately \$86,000 in checking and savings accounts.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

**Overview of the past year:** Patty Barnes announced the development of an "elevator pitch" on behalf of ACC. It distills our organization's purpose so board members and circle members can easily describe ACC to potential new members and/or donors. Two goals for the year were to increase fundraising and membership. ACC raised \$12,000 more in this fiscal year as compared to last year. Tara O'Connor joined Patty in describing the issue of ACC's declining membership. Membership has decreased 14% over the last few years. ACC currently includes 14 circles with approximately 400 members. Tara asked each ACC member to give thought to how we can grow ACC going forward to continue its good works in the community.

**Leadership:** Anne Quigg is stepping down from her successful one-year term as membership chair. She will be moving to the Olympic peninsula and deserves a big thank you for her hard work on behalf of the board this year! Current VP Helen Santucci will succeed Patty Barnes in the president's role in 2020. In the meantime, Helen has stepped down as chair of the grants committee and Linda Bowers and Stephanie Read will now co-chair that important committee.

**New annual fundraising event:** The new event is being developed as an annual undertaking. Half the proceeds will go to operations to fund grants and the other half will go toward the endowment. It will continue to be called "Celebrate the Children" in honor of the biannual fundraiser by that name held in past years. It will be held Friday, October 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tyee Club on Fairview Ave. in Seattle on Lake Union. Tickets will be available for \$100 apiece and there will be five or six live auction items, plus multiple raffle items and a raise the paddle. The planning committee still needs a sponsorship chair.

**RAFFLE:**

Maureen Britt and Nancy O'Brien picked multiple raffle winners. Many thanks to our generous circles for such fun raffle items!

**SPEAKER:** Bill Halloran of Catholic Community Services introduced Dorothy McCabe. Dorothy runs the International Foster Care: Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program. She described the invaluable work her organization does in assisting minors who are either overseas refugees or asylum seekers. Most have experienced trauma on their journeys.

**Next meeting:** The next full board meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Catholic Community Services.

Meeting and luncheon adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

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