

ACC Board Meeting Minutes – February 2025

February 5, 2025

ACC Board Meeting vi Microsoft Teams 10:00am – 11:30am

Meeting Attendees:

Linda Bowers ACC President
Glynis Carrosino ACC Secretary
Heidi Bruch ACC Programs and Operations Manager
Linda Van Hare; Erin Aitken; Maureen Moreton; Gayle Kaplan; Stephaine Read; Pam Cochran

The meeting was called to order by ACC President Linda Bowers. Linda conducted the opening prayer.

1. Approval of the January 2025 Board meeting minutes:
 - a. Approved at the February 2025 Board Meeting.
2. Treasurer Report:
 - a. Financials: Mary Roddy is out of town and the Report will be presented at the March Board Meeting.
3. Linda Bowers:
 - a. Discussed the proposal to the Board to increase ACC's Endowment amount given in Grants. Three options were presented via email, and the Board conducted an emailed vote.
 - b. Decision: Increase Grant percentage from 3% to 6% of the corpus. Currently, this would result in a distribution increase of approximately \$35K per year. Grants traditionally are \$10,000.
 - c. The ACC Retreat organized by Linda Van Hare and held January 9th, 2025, was a huge success.
Celebrate the Children (CTC) is confirmed: February 28th, 2025, at Fremont Foundry in Seattle. The cost will be \$125 per person.
 - d. The location was reviewed a few days ago and everyone on the Committee is pleased.
4. Endowment Distribution Discussion: Linda Bowers and Stephanie Read
 - a. The Board voted to increase grant percentage from 3% to 6% of the corpus. The result is a distribution increase of approximately \$35K per year.
 - b. Next question: Should the Board direct how to use these additional funds? Should we prioritize certain agencies for more \$?
 - c. Or should we change the maximum grant gift from \$10,000 to \$12,000 or \$15,000?
 - d. Note that there are agencies we support with grant monies that are within CCS. Others are outside CCS.
 - e. Note that ACC has not increased the grant amount of \$10,000 for over 10 years.
 - f. Linda Bowers recommended that the Board review the ACC Grant guidelines, critique and be prepared to discuss at the March Board meeting.
5. Membership Report: Linda Van Hare
 - a. Retreat held January 9, 2025, at St. Madelaine Sophie in Bellevue, was a huge success.
 - b. 60 attended and \$700 was collected (voluntary donations) so expenses were offset

- Presenter fee was \$1000
 - Karla Obernesser is the presenter and did a wonderful job
 - ACC informational presentations were planned for beginning and end of the evening
 - The CTC Event was highlighted at the Retreat.
- c. The vision for this event was to inspire ACC membership and to have an enjoyable evening.
- Linda Van Hare is hopeful that perhaps two new Circles will be created because of this event.
 - Linda VH suggestion: to make new Circle introductions and welcome at the Annual Luncheon in September.
6. Celebrate the Children (CTC): Gayle Kaplan
- a. February 28, 2025, at Fremont Foundry.
 - b. The committee is pleased with the larger facility and with the increased RSVP responses over this period of time last year. Over 142 guests to date.
 - c. Event has more sponsorships which is exciting. This year two Credit Unions are sponsors. There are also more live auction items and more silent auction items. Main raffle ticket item is a \$1000 Canlis restaurant evening. \$100 per raffle ticket.
 - d. Tables of 10 can be reserved.
 - e. Heidi listed the following three items the Committee still needs to round out the Live Auction Items and Raffle packages:
 - One Purple Glassybaby votive (called Mom)
 - Donate toward a \$300 Ethan Stowell gift card to be matched by the restaurant for another \$300 at Tavolata (Total value \$600)
 - Donate toward a \$100 McMenamins gift card
 - Reach out to Sue Richards if you can assist in this need
Sue-richards@hotmail.com
 425-591-8544
7. Upcoming Events:
- a. CTC Event: Friday, February 28, 2025, at the Fremont Foundry. \$125 per person. This year ACC has sponsorships from Credit Unions
 - b. St Theresa Circle Bingo Night is Saturday, February 8, 2025.
 - c. Our Lady of Fatima Circle Trivia Night is Friday February 7, 2025. 6:00 pm
8. Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2025; 10:00-11:30 am via MT
 NOTE: This Board Meeting will be virtual via Microsoft Teams.

Submitted: Glynis Carrosino, ACC Secretary