

ACC Board Meeting Minutes – February 2026

February 11, 2026

ACC Board Meeting at ACC 10:00 am – 11:30 am REMOTE

Meeting Attendees:

Linda Bowers ACC President
Glynis Carrosino ACC Secretary
Mary Roddy ACC Treasurer
Heidi Bruch ACC Programs and Operations Manager
Linda Van Hare; Stephanie Read; Maureen Moreton; Maureen Britt; Gayle Kaplan; Patty Barnes

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

1. Approval of January 14, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Approved by the Board at this February 11, 2026, Board Meeting.
2. Treasurer Report: Mary Roddy
 - a. Financials: need to include February 6th CTC event (expenses and income) so Mary will report at the March 2026 meeting. Balance Sheet and cash balances will be complete by then.
 - b. Note: The Endowment Fund recently received a large donation. Balance now over \$2 million: \$2,591,000.
3. Linda Bowers:
 - a. Quick overview of CTC which was held last Friday:
 - Well organized; perfect venue; amazing event
 - The attendance was down slightly because of last minute travel to Superbowl for some.
 - Despite the lower attendance, CTC had its highest gross of more than \$260,000. The Raise the Paddle had two \$10,000 paddles and one \$20,000, which was phenomenal.
 - It is possible that CTC 2026 could net \$200,000.
 - b. Grant Committee: The team needs to define better guidelines. Committee meeting is not yet scheduled.
 - c. The Board would like Circles and membership comments regarding such concepts as:
 - Whether we should prioritize certain programs
 - Whether we should prioritize child direct programs or families as a whole
 - Should we accept additional applications (Yes).
 - Heidi: has been contacted and will receive approx. 4-6 additional grant applications.
 - d. Reminder: the Board approved 11/11/2025 to increase the Grant ceiling amount to \$20,000.
 - e. NOTE: Grant Committee is still looking for Circle or Board members to assist in reviewing new grant funding criteria and guidelines.
 - Contact Stephanie Read or Linda Bowers if interested.
4. Communications: Heidi Brush
 - a. No new business
 - b. CTC event just a few days ago

5. Membership Report: Linda Van Hare
 - a. Membership continues to be very busy
 - b. No additional Circles yet for 2026; Reminder: three new Circles in 2025.
 - c. Note: each new Circle had at least two members each attend CTC on Feb 6.
 - d. September Luncheon – will be important to these Circles to use as a kickoff to the year.

6. Celebrate the Children: Gayle Kaplan
 - a. Linda Bowers provided an overview of the event at top of meeting
 - b. Details: 130 + attended
 - c. Good bidders and generous donors
 - d. Expecting good reviews of the event/venue will mean good expectations for the next CTC.

7. Circle Events:
 - a. Fatima – Circle is holding a Galentine Event on February 12, 2026. Hours: 6:00-8:00pm
No admission; Gift baskets to bid on
Circle is committed to holding this event again in 2027.
 - b. St Louise/St Theresa Bingo Night at St Louise Parish Saturday, February 28, 2026
 - c. COSMOS at St. Louise Parish Thursday, May 14, 2026. The 25th anniversary of this event will be celebrated.
Registration and ticket purchase will be online.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026; 10:00am – 11:30am CCS Great Room

Submitted by: Glynis Carrosino, ACC Secretary