

Minutes ACC Board mtg. (Virtual) January 13, 2022

Attendees: Helen Santucci, President, Anita Hearl, Angeleigh Gregorios, Stephanie Read, Linda Howard, Heidi Bruch, Tara O'Connor, Gayle Kaplan, Cecilia Keith, Marilyn Price

President Santucci began the meeting with a lovely prayer which seemed written especially for us.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 11, 2021 were approved as distributed with one small correction.

Treasurer Report: In the absence of Treasurer Mary Roddy, some questions were brought up and will be discussed with Mary by Heidi.

Christi Higgins, chair of Endowment, will notify us of the amount that can be used for Grant Funding for the Spring 2022 cycle.

President's Report:

Labor of Love online Auction- February 4-14. Items are due to the office as soon as possible.

The response to the President's letter has been good and she stated that the January 10 deadline mentioned in the letter is not a hard deadline. The date of the auction is a few weeks earlier this year and that has been difficult for some of the members as it follows too closely to the Christmas holidays. Donors may use digital or paper forms for submission of auction items. We have reached out to previous donors. A new online auction company will be used this year, Online Bidding through Greater Giving. This will replace the previous site, Bidding for Good.

Some circles will donate group gifts as well as individual gifts. Katherine Meloy Circle will submit a number of gift baskets that are repurposed from a cancelled event earlier in the pandemic.

Communication- Heidi Bruch

Endowment Christmas Drive- We received \$6800.00 to support the Endowment Fund. It was difficult to determine if some of the gifts were meant for the Endowment or the General fund as not all gifts were labeled. People are generous in their giving to ACC but may not always understand the difference in the type of gift. End of Year gifts are mailed in with no explanation of how the gift should be used.

Committee and Circle Business-

Christmas Gift Giving program- Stephanie Read reported that the program went very well thanks to Colleen Gaska (Marjorie Ryan Circle) who chaired the event. About 125 families were served with children receiving most of the gifts. Circles donated cash, shopped for gifts, and adopted families. Many young volunteers stepped up and gave out the gifts. The process was very well organized and structured. An \$8000. Grant was funded from Amazon and gift cards were given out to families.

Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting-

May 12, 2022 at the Sand Point Country Club. Currently, we plan to hold this event but expect that attendance may be lower because of the pandemic. Sue Richards and Mindy Morgan will co-chair the luncheon and the Raffle chairs are Nancy O'Brien and Maureen Britt.

Membership- Tara O'Connor

Heidi and Tara request that Circle rosters need to be submitted so that a careful listing of members and dues can be accomplished. It is difficult to maintain an accurate count of members, both Active and Inactive without receiving up to date Rosters. Tara offered to examine the ACC bylaws to see if they need to be updated, specifically we need to consider if Inactive members should be required to pay dues. Some confusion exists regarding the differences between Active, Inactive, Retired and Former members. It is important for us not to lose track of members because we don't have accurate rosters. Phone numbers also need to be updated so that members can be contacted easily. Many people have discontinued their landlines, but have not replaced those numbers on the rosters with cell phone numbers.

Tara hopes to have a Welcome event for New members, but suggested that this year the Welcome might be a great addition to the Spring Luncheon. That was looked at positively by the Board.

Circle Chairs: reports of New and Completed events

The Christmas Wreath and Garland Sale (Marjorie Ryan and Frances Hoffman Circles) raised \$8200.00 from the sale of their beautiful greenery.

Tulip and Daffodil Sale (Frances Hoffman Katherine Meloy Circles) plan to report on earnings soon.

Candle Sale (Josephine McDermott Circle) has not received their scented candles yet due to supply chain issues. All of their customers still want the candles they ordered.

Cosmos for a Cause (Fr. Mychal Judge Circle)- This annual event hopefully will take place in May, depending on the state of the pandemic.

A question was raised about obtaining a Venmo account for ACC, some Circles have their own. It was suggested that Zelle might also be considered as it is more mainstream.

The next Board Meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022 at 10am. TBD if Virtual or in-person.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Price, Secretary