

ACC Board Meeting Minutes – January 2026

January 14, 2026

ACC Board Meeting at ACC 10:00 am – 11:30 am Acc Board Room at CCS Seattle

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; Marilyn Price; Gayle Kaplan; Patty

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

1. Approval of November 11, 2025, Board meeting minutes:
 - a. Approved by the Board at this January 14, 2026, Board Meeting.
2. Treasurer Report: Mary Roddy
 - a. Financials: Mary reported on the ACC December 2025 Balance Sheet.
 - b. Cash balance discussed
 - c. CTC expenses and income will be upcoming after February 6 event.
 - d. Note: The Endowment Fund will soon reflect a large donation.
 - e. Note: ACC Circle fundraising dollars are down. Circles need to focus and work on.
 - f. Eric Green. ACC financial advisor will retire soon. ACC will move to a larger investment firm with a larger staff presence.
 - g. Mary – looking at putting cash reserves into interest bearing account. Eric will assist as transition is occurring.
3. Linda Bowers:
 - a. Summarized at prior 2025 meetings, the Board defined how to give away funds.
 - b. Board accepted the list of Fall Grants. The Board approved 11/11/2025.
 - c. Linda raised discussion about whether to lift the grant ceiling of \$10,000. Should Board vote now to raise the ceiling or wait until Spring Grant review.
 - d. The Board decided to discuss changing the grant amount during this 1/14/2026 meeting and make a formal decision.
 - e. After comprehensive discussion, the Board proposed and voted unanimously to: Raise the grant limit to \$20,000. The Grant Committee will include in the guidelines the new Dollar benchmark.
 - f. NOTE: Grant committee is currently updating the guidelines and still looking for Circle or Board members to assist in reviewing funding amount and criteria. Contact Stephanie Read or Linda Bowers if interested.
4. Communications: Heidi Brush
 - a. The Endowment Christmas Drive dollars were down a bit this year. Perhaps because Labor of Love Auction was so recent (met goal (above \$17,000))
 - b. Linda Bowers shared a series of Grant applicant thank you letters.
 - c. Reminder that the Celebrate The Children (CTC) event is February 6, 2026.

5. Membership Report: Linda Van Hare
 - a. Continue to be very busy and confirmed the three new Circles.
 - b. Linda; Linda; and Heidi have met with each new Circle at least twice to answer questions and help with recruitment.
 - c. ACC Membership details re who we are and legacy needs to be easily available as the new Circles feel such an inspiration.
 - d. Newest St. Joseph Circle now official as Mary Lou Neuman Circle and roster of 15 members
 - e. The new Fatima Parish Circle (Pat Dixon Circle) has a roster of 20 members
 - f. The new Sacred Heart Bellevue Circle Chair is now official as Father Pat Ritter Circle with roster of 9 members.
 - g. Linda Van Hare: New Circles expect a higher level of communication.
 - h. Board discussed providing: Grant list; details re CTC; etc. Also discussed how to provide quarterly updates, and how to communicate directly with membership.
 - i. September luncheon – use as a kickoff to the year. Perhaps schedule another event in June to close out year

6. Christmas Gift Program: Stephanie Read
 - a. Details: There was a cap of 200 families this year.
 - b. Circles need to discuss what they want to do for this program. Good ‘hands on’
 - c. In November, the Board decided to give \$10,000 from the Grant Funding surplus to the Christmas Program to cover the older children gift gap. Benefit was huge.

7. Circle Events:
 - a. St Louise/St Theresa Bingo Night at St Louise Parish Saturday, February 28, 2026
 - b. COSMOS at St. Louise Parish Thursday, May 14, 2026. The 25th anniversary of this event will be celebrated.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026; 10:00am – 11:30am Remote via Zoom

Submitted by: Glynis Carrosino, ACC Secretary