

MINUTES ACC BOARD MEETING

CCS Conference Room

MARCH 10, 2022

ATTENDEES- Helen Santucci, president, Heidi Bruch, Mary Roddy, Tara O'Connor, Maureen Britt, Marilyn Price, Carrie Hirst

President Santucci read the prayer and we remembered Nancy Crowley whose funeral is today in our prayers. We were all grateful to meet in person again after two years of virtual meetings.

Minutes- The minutes of February 10, 2022 were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Roddy)- Labor of Love auction netted about \$25,000. The checking account has \$278,000 and the Endowment currently stands at about \$1.37 Million.

Presidents report-

Adoption Services- Helen announced that Bill Hallerman informed us that Adoption Services at CCS will be closed as there does not seem to be a need for their services. Apparently, babies are not put up for adoption frequently as they were in the past. It is difficult to see this agency close as it has been in operation for so many years and dates back to the beginnings of ACC/CCS. Through the years ACC has contributed to the funding of Adoption Services.

Endowment Fund Policy- Christie Higgins and Eric Greene have suggested that we make some changes in our policy for the Endowment Fund. A new proposed policy should be ready for discussion at the April Board meeting. Currently there is not a functioning Endowment committee. It needs to be determined how much assistance Christie would like.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that we move \$50K from the general fund to the Endowment Fund as we currently have an excess of cash due to successful fund raising. Helen clarified that it is not required to use revenue from the Endowment fund every year if we have enough in the General Fund. We have the capacity to fund all the grant requests (\$90K) this Spring without the use of the Endowment.

Celebrate the Children Committee-

This committee has been very active for the past three years and now needs to seek new leadership as Erin Manca and Gayle Kaplan will retire as co-chairs. They would like to continue to be involved in the project though as does Tara O'Connor, Deirdre Brownlow and Helen Santucci. New leadership needs to be identified as well as workers from a greater diversity of Circles. Perhaps there could be a point person from each Active Circle on the Committee. It was suggested that a Chair(s) in training would be a workable possibility. New people on the committee would also help secure new Sponsorships. Helen and Heidi will send out a Spring Communication letter asking for help with CTC and identifying specific roles and responsibilities that are needed. Tara O'Connor will write up the various roles needed. We are looking forward to the live Celebrate the Children on October 7.

Communication- Heidi Bruch

LABOR of LOVE Auction-

The Auction was very successful and raised about \$25K. It gives members a way to participate in fund raising, both as a donor and a buyer. This year it was held earlier than previous years and this posed a problem as it seemed too close to Christmas. The timing will need to be examined and perhaps moved to March or April. Stephanie Read chaired the event and contributed in so many ways in ensuring a very successful Auction. Thank you, Stephanie, as well as Heidi, Deirdre and Marilyn.

May All-Association Meeting, Luncheon and Raffle- May 12, 11am, Sand Point Country Club. Sue Richards and Mindy Morgan, co-chairs

Heidi will send out a letter next week regarding the Luncheon, the Raffle, tickets and raffle items. Invitations will be sent online and paper. Raffle tickets will be produced and distributed. Circles should notify Maureen Britt about their donations.

Members are encouraged to bring friends who may be interested in joining ACC to the Luncheon. This request will also be included in the letter from Heidi.

It was suggested that there could be a volunteer of the year honored every year at the Spring luncheon.

Grant Funding Review Committee- Linda Howard

Historically a maximum \$10,000 grant has been given to the requesting agencies. There was discussion of the possibility of changing that amount and also inviting new agencies to submit a grant request. Members are encouraged to suggest and invite new agencies. Helen will mention this in an upcoming letter.

Nine agencies have applied for a grant this Spring and the committee will meet and review each application and make recommendations for funding within the next few weeks.

Membership- Tara O'Connor

Tara asks us to invite our friends to Membership as well as the Spring luncheon. There is a j-peg available to place in Parish Bulletins that advertises ACC. An ACC member from each parish needs to agree to be the contact person for a prospective member.

Circle Chairs-

Katherine Meloy- Will have a fudge sale \$20. For one lb. box Culinary Apple fudge, April 18-28 Online order. The circle will receive 50% of the cost.

Josephine McDermott- the candles were just delivered and will be distributed shortly. There will be about \$1400. profit.

Katie McKay will have their annual Plant Sale. Orders need to be placed by 3/26 and can be picked up on 3/30 at Our Lady of Fatima. Order online or mail in your order. Email information has been sent by the Circle.

St. Bridget- will have a Layette party and give layettes to PrePs in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Price, Secretary

The next Board meeting will be held April 7 at 7pm at St. Bridget's Church.