

Minutes ACC Board (Virtual)

May 13, 2021

Attendees- Judy Schroeder, Maureen Britt, Mary Roddy, Tara Demick, Gayle Kaplan, Cecilia Keith, Heidi Bruch, Patty Barnes, Deirdre Brownlow, Helen Santucci, Stephanie Read, Marilyn Price.

President Helen Santucci began the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting were approved as written and distributed.

Treasurer Mary Roddy shared the monthly balance sheet and the Endowment Fund remains at about \$1.4 Million. She is investigating our apparent double billing from Greater Giving.

President's Report-

Year in review- It has been a difficult year for all of us, yet we have done well in fundraising as CTC brought in about \$125,000. We were able to fully fund all the grant requests this year which totaled \$220,000 thanks to supplements from our Endowment. Our Christmas giving efforts were very successful and were greatly appreciated by the recipients. Due to Covid the Memorial Mass in November had to be cancelled as was the Annual May Luncheon. The Labor of Love online auction was also cancelled this year. There were successful bulb sales, pie sales, wreath/pointsettia sales, the Spring plant sale and a virtual home tour. The ACC Visibility program is in progress but Covid has forced cancellation of a potential member social event.

Board members present at the meeting were in agreement that an in-person luncheon for the Board on June 10 would be great. Helen will try to make a reservation at an outside eating restaurant. Joey Kitchen was mentioned as a possibility. She will let us know.

Communication- Heidi Bruch

All Circle Treasurers should send in remaining funds before the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Calendars- We will order fewer calendars for the coming year, probably 500. Sales were slower this year, perhaps because of the pandemic, but also fewer people use paper calendars. Marilyn Price will help with the calendar planning and distribution again this year. It was suggested that photos of ACC activities or children might increase the calendar's effectiveness as a marketing tool. Sponsors of the calendar would also help increase profit. Precision Press will continue to publish the calendar.

Celebrate the Children-

Erin Manca and Gayle Kaplan will co-chair this event. This will once again be a virtual event and will take place from October 20-November 5. The format will be similar to last year. Hard copies of the mailings will go to those people who do not use email. They were very grateful for that last year.

Gayle said that Cosmos for a Cause will take place in person on September 23. The site has yet to be determined but they are looking for a large outside space. Sue Richards asked Gayle to announce this information.

Labor of Love Auction-

It is hoped that the online auction will take place beginning in late February 2022. Stephanie Read, Helen Santucci and Heidi Bruch will set up a meeting in the next few weeks. Deirdre Brownlow, Mary Roddy, Maureen Britt and Marilyn Price volunteered to help with the auction. We all realized how much we will miss Barbara Easter who helped so much in the past.

Grant Funding Review-

Judy Schroeder reviewed her discussions with Saint Vincent de Paul that she had already shared with us in an email. We funded SVdeP at St. Anthony's in Renton this year. It was agreed that if we fund their requests in the future that it would again be individual chapter requests and not the SVdeP council. We will wait to see how many requests we get from them. It is clear in the funding request process that the funds need to be used for families and children.

Membership Report-

Tara reported that she had 1-2 inquiries from prospective members, but that this has been a difficult year for recruiting new members because of the pandemic. Requests for Circles to appoint someone who would interface with their parish was mixed with about 60% participating. This activity and template for new members will be reintroduced in the Fall perhaps with some revisions.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support-

Gayle Kaplan reported on all the activities that are happening at PrePS recently. The clothing room has been completely remodeled- new shelving and new paint thanks to all the volunteers who helped including: Gateway Construction who donated equipment, workers and shelves. There is more room now for clothing, diapers, layettes and baby equipment so it is much more user friendly. Many thanks to Tara Demick, Stephanie Read, Gayle Kaplan, Judy Shroeder.

A garden has been planted by Tara and Judy, Stephanie puts together the Food Boxes for the clients and Gayle keeps everyone organized! And it sounds like they are having fun as they work. We saw the before and after pictures of the new Clothing Room, amazing.

Gayle has a list of what is needed for the various age groups. She reported that St. Therese Circle organized a new clothing drive instead of Layettes. Food seems to be their greatest need. Shannon Crowley arranged with the Newman Center at UW to donate \$1000. for food. They are expecting a new refrigerator which is sorely needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Price

Secretary