

Minutes ACC Board (Virtual) Meeting

November 12, 2020

President Helen Santucci began the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the October 8 meeting were approved as distributed.

Attendees: Helen Santucci, Linda Bowers, Maureen Britt, Carrie Hirst, Stephanie Read, Heidi Bruch, Gayle Kaplan, Mary Roddy, Patti Barnes, Judy Schroeder, Judy McAteer, Tara Demick, Cecilia Keith, Angeleigh Gregorias, Nancy O'Brien, Deirdre Brownlow, Marilyn Price

Treasurer's Report- As of October 31 our checking account has \$244,639.84. The Endowment Fund contains \$1,165,235.60.

President's Report-

Unfortunately, the Annual November Memorial Mass has had to be postponed until next year because of the Covid Pandemic. The ACC website has information about all the departed members. Those members will be memorialized at next year's Mass.

All Circles are reminded that ACC dues and other funds should be sent to the Office by November 30.

The Labor of Love (LOL) online auction will be held in February, dates still to be determined. Stephanie Read has volunteered to chair this event but more volunteers are needed. Deirdre Brownlow said she will help. Heidi B. will set up a meeting to discuss planning of the event, hopefully sometime in the next week.

Communication-

Glassybabies are still available, 14 left to purchase. Contact Gayle Kaplan.

The Endowment Christmas drive letters will be mailed next week. Lynn Swick is making beautiful Christmas ornaments as a reward for donations to the ACC Endowment.

Christmas Gift Program- Suzan Hruska usually chairs this effort, but she will be unable to do so this year. It was suggested that we reach out to all Circles to

determine who wants to participate in this annual event. Discussion centered around shopping for gifts and the possible purchase of gift cards instead of shopping. PrePS has already planned to have a drive through gift pick up program. Another option is to send gifts through online shopping with Amazon, Walmart or Target being sure to request no weekend deliveries to agencies. Agencies requesting gifts could set up a gift registry.

Celebrate the Children –

Gayle Kaplan reported that CTC earned close to \$125,000 with expenses only about \$4000. Some checks are still coming in as the donate button is still active. There were 265 donors with 51% ACC membership participation. Some Circles had 100% participation. The video was very well received, thank you Helen for a great job! All committee members are applauded for a very successful fundraiser.

All Circles are invited to use the video for events, meetings or recruitment of new members. It has been retrofitted (info re: CTC removed) for continuing general use.

Membership-

Tara Demick reminded us that current members are the biggest advocates for new membership. We need to share our mission and story with friends, family and parish members. We don't have the 2020-21 membership count as all the dues are not into the office yet. The website now has a new Member tab which provides information for those seeking membership.

Grant Funding Review Committee-

Linda Howard reported that the committee suggests funding \$120,000 for this Fall's round of requests. Stephanie Read contacted Prepares for more complete information re: use of ACC funds so they will receive full funding. PrePs will receive \$12,000 instead of \$10,000 requested as there is a donor who specifically designated \$2000 for them. Kinship Connections requested \$1000, but we elected to give \$3000 to fund each of their programs. We decided not to fund Humble Designs as their valuable work does not speak directly to our mission.

We were pleased that we did not have to use funds from the Endowment for the Fall requests. We estimate that we will have enough for the Spring grants if we

use 2020 and 2021 Endowment funds as well as upcoming fund raising. The checks will be signed and mailed next week.

Circle Reports-

St. Bridget- the Remlinger Pie Sale was successful, sold over 300 pies, with profit \$2376. A few scented candles are still available, \$25. Each.

2021 ACC Calendars- still available, \$5. each. Contact Marilyn Price or ACC office.

Marjorie Ryan and Father Thomas Lane- Wreath and Pointsettia Sale-

Orders are the same or increased. Patrons are very pleased that the circles are continuing with these favorite and long-standing Holiday sales.

St. Terese Circle- they are helping serve meals at a local shelter.

Katie McKay Circle- A video production is in process and we will all receive a copy in early December.

We send our prayers and good wishes to Mary Lou Wickwire.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Price, secretary