

Minutes ACC Board meeting

November 11, 2021, 10am

Attendees: Heidi Bruch, Helen Santucci, Mary Roddy, Brett Murray, Tara O'Connor, Maureen Britt, Stephanie Read, Gayle Kaplan, Judy McAteer, Linda Bowers, Marilyn Price

President Helen Santucci opened the meeting with a prayer expressing our gratitude for all 22 of our former ACC members who were recognized at the recent Memorial Mass.

Minutes- The October 14, 2021 minutes were approved as written and distributed.

Treasurer Report-

Mary Roddy distributed the financial statements via email and noted that we have approx. \$1.5 Million in the endowment which grew by 9% this past year. A donation was received by the Treasurer of the remaining funds from the Irene Hanley Circle which has become Inactive.

The Father Joseph Vogel and the Bishop O'Dea Circles are now Inactive and the Father Thomas Lane Circle is temporarily Inactive. Thanks to all of those Circles who have contributed so much to ACC through the years.

President's Report-

Celebrate the Children- President Santucci expressed gratitude for all the members of the CTC committee who were successful in helping us surpass the goal of \$125,000. Currently, \$145,800 has been raised with the expectation that it may yet go higher.

The committee consisted of Chairs Erin Manca and Gayle Kaplan and members Tara O'Connor, Sue Richards, Deirdre Brownlow, Mindy Morgan, Heidi Bruch and Patty Barnes.

Memorial Mass- Maureen Britt reported that approximately 70 people gathered at Our Lady of Fatima church to honor 22 ACC members who passed away in the past 2 years. The Mass was well attended by families and current ACC members.

Sadly, again this year we were unable to have the luncheon following the Mass due to the pandemic.

Circle Membership Rosters and dues- the President requests that all Circles send their current rosters as soon as possible and ACC dues to the office by November 30.

Christmas Gift Program-

The work on the program last year was a bit overwhelming, some of this due to receiving the numbers of families rather late. Stephanie Read reported that she has been promised the number for this year next Monday, Nov 15. Most of the families are referred by PrePs. This year gifts will be limited to children and will not include family gifts. There will be every attempt made to give the gifts in an equal fashion to all children in the family. Gifts will not be wrapped, but wrapping paper will be supplied.

Communication-Heidi Bruch

Endowment Christmas Drive- The mailing will go out immediately after Thanksgiving. Lynn Swick has made beautiful ornaments to reward gift givers.

Labor of Love Online Auction- All Circles are reminded to consider contributions of items or services to the auction. Keep this in mind while Christmas shopping.

Committee and Circle Business-

Celebrate the Children Committee- Gayle Kaplan-

The entire committee deserves many thanks and congratulations on a project well done. 135 ACC members donated to the CTC, 10 of them were Inactive members. The Father Mychal Judge and St. Therese Circles each had 100% participation. Thanks to all from these Circles.

The committee announced that the event for next year will be held on October 7, 2022 at the Tye Club. We look forward to a live event once again.

Membership Committee- Tara O'Connor

It is hoped that we can have a live Membership recruiting event in the Spring. Ads have been created that can be placed in Parish bulletins. Content is available such as the Mission Information sheet, a new member checklist, ACC website new

member highlights and our Join Us poster. A new member profile should be completed. It was suggested that current members activities be publicized on the website to stimulate interest in what is possible through ACC membership.

New members Information should be shared with the office immediately and that will trigger a welcome email from the ACC President.

New membership materials are located at <https://www.advocacyandcaringforchildren.org> and the new membership link is <https://www.advocacyandcaringforchildren.org/newmembers.html>

Contact information re:membership- tarademick@gmail.com

Grant Funding Committee- Stephanie Read

We were able to fully fund all 9 Grant requests at \$10,000. Each. The Board approved this funding and checks will be sent shortly.

Circle Projects and Events-

The Wreath and Garland sale will take place. Order forms have been sent and are on the website. Pickup will be on 11/23 at St. Catherine's and Assumption. A further pickup will be at St. James on 12/5.

The Josephine McDermott Circle is selling scented candles and they have already been ordered. See information on the website.

The next Board Meeting is Thursday January 13, 2022, 9:30-11:30 am at CCS.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Price, Secretary