

## **Advocacy and Caring for Children**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

September 10, 2020

President Helen Santucci called the Zoom meeting to order at 10am and said the opening prayer. In virtual attendance were Helen Santucci, Heidi Bruch, Judy Schroeder, Mary Roddy, Cele Keith, Pat Freund, Tara O'Connor, Patty Barns, Gayle Kaplan, Cynthia Lamothe, Judy McAteer, JJ Horner, Linda Bowers, Stephanie Read, Nancy O'Brien, Kate Szymanski

**Minutes:** No minutes to approve

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mary Roddy reported on the financial statements and balance sheets from June/July/August 2020. As of 8/31/2020 the ACC checking account stands at roughly \$138,000. As of 9/10/2020 the endowment stands at \$1,190,731.00.

#### **President's Report:**

Helen stated the importance of continuing to build morale among our members while also increasing our membership with younger members who may be interested in starting new circles. The new member page on the ACC website has updated information.

Circle fundraising plans are due to the ACC office by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Please let ACC now how we can support with fundraising events.

Heidi will be distributing email packets with key updated info to circle chairs, treasurers and board members. Please review them and share with your circle.

The white envelope endowment drive will be virtual this year. Donations can be made online on the ACC website or checks can be mailed in to the office. Circles should try for 100% participation.

#### **Communication Report:**

Calendars are in and can be picked up at the ACC office by a circle representative. Heidi reiterated that staying in touch is important, especially with members who may be isolated. The ACC website has been updated including a Members Page, an Events Page and links to social media.

ACC is using a new e-mail system call Constant Contact. Let Heidi know about any information that circles would like to get out and she will help with getting it out to ACC members.

## **Committee and Circle Business**

**Celebrate the Children** will be held virtually from Sep. 30 – Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. A video has been developed featuring many of the organizations that ACC provides support to. An e-mail will be sent out on September 30<sup>th</sup> containing a link to the video and letter from the co-chairs. Circle chairs or treasurers should make sure circle e-mails are updated and please feel free to forward the video link and letter to friends and family. \$100,000 is the goal this year! It was discussed that proceeds should go directly to the ACC checking account (rather than Endowment) to be able to help the most people possible during this trying time.

**Membership:** Our strategy is to attract active members to continue to strengthen and develop our ACC Circles and ACC organization. Our members will share our story and invite friends and Parish community to join us. The goal is to empower our members to be the storyteller and support the ACC growth message with key information and additional help they need from ACC membership team. • 2020 Membership Team-JOIN US! We are looking for 2-3 members to be part of our team. We had a good year in 2019 with 18+ new members. Membership information on ACC website, any questions or suggestions: please email [tarademick@gmail.com](mailto:tarademick@gmail.com)

**Grant Funding:** Guidelines for filling out requests are on the ACC website.

**Memorial Mass:** Katherine Meloy Circle is planning on a virtual Mass at Our Lady of Fatima on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch for forthcoming information.

**Tour of Homes:** The Katie McKay Circle will be holding a virtual event involving a Christmas themed video and ask. Stay tuned!

**Pregnancy and Parenting Support:** The Marjorie Ryan circle has been providing 10-15 boxes of food to the center every other week with the help of monetary donations from friends and families. Other circles are encouraged to donate and tax receipts are available. Other items needed now Pull-ups sizes 2-3 and 4-6, mens deodorant, kids toothpaste, baby lotion, toilet paper. Keep track of receipts and spending for in kind donations in your circle.

St. Bridget Circle: 45 candles are still available and are \$25/each.

Father Thomas Lane and Marjorie Ryan circles are holding Poinsettia and Wreath sales this fall. Fliers will be going out next week and orders need to be in by Nov. 1

Frances Hoffman and Katherine Meloy circles will be having a bulb sale. They have 7,000 bulbs from the Washington Bulb Co. The brochure is on the ACC website.

Next virtual board meeting: Thursday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 7:30pm-9:00pm