

Association for Catholic Childhood

Minutes of April 13, 2016 ACC Board Meeting

President Monica Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the opening prayer offered by Marilyn Price.

In attendance were Monica Scott, Maureen Britt, Joan Walton, Joyce Butler, Jeanne Borrows, Barbara Easter, Mary Roddy, Nancy O'Brien, Sue Lynch, Mary Lou Wickwire, Marilyn Price, Helen Santucci, Anne Read-Andersen, Marinell Zevenbergen, Julianne Reid, Alice Shaw, Kristy Charles, Erin Aitken, Deirdre Brownlow, and Colleen Nowak, with a total of eleven circles represented.

MINUTES: Approved as presented for the March 9, 2016 meeting by Maureen Britt and Marilyn Price.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Roddy, Association Treasurer, furnished P&L's and a Balance Sheet through March 31, 2016 showing \$142,038.67 in checking and savings and \$723,292.93 in the Endowment. These figures include the Labor of Love Auction proceeds. The spring grants were submitted. All the services submitting grants and with whom we had been associated in the past were awarded. The committee overseeing the Associations' financial affairs will have completed their work by our fiscal year end, June 30, 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The feedback on the pending name change has been positive for the most part. Someone from the Name Change Committee will be available to any circle requiring more information. It will be announced at the May Luncheon and voted on in the fall. Watch the ACC Newsletter for updates.

There has also been positive feedback about the change in meeting times and locations. This meeting was held at St. Louise's Parish in Bellevue and was well attended. There was discussion of having two or three evening meetings at various locations next year to accommodate those who work, and also to include a wider range of our members serving on the Board or on committees.

Monica announced the mailing of a letter announcing the Endowment contribution of the late Joanne Schumacher. It was sent to all active and inactive members with a short bio of Ms. Schumacher and her contributions to the Association through the years. A long-time member of the Katherine Meloy Circle, she was active financially in support of our endeavors. We are very grateful for her generous recognition of the work accomplished, and the children and families who benefit from it.

The May luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th at the Sand Point Country Club. May 6th is the deadline for reservations. Each circle is asked to contribute an item with a minimum value of \$50.00 for the auction. Dinner or theater tickets are always welcome.

Monica thanked the Katie McKay, St. Bridget and Maude Roger circles for their donation of layettes. These are always welcome. Backpack diaper bags were suggested as the best solution to accommodate the mothers. Also, there is always a need for diapers and wipes. These can be ordered through Costco or Amazon and shipped to the office.

Monica requested all circles update their member lists and designations. Deirdre will provide each Circle president a copy of their list of members as they are currently designated. Circles will be asked to make edits and updates as soon as possible.

We will be ordering the same number of calendars for next year. One thousand were ordered this year and it came out pretty close so that we did not have left over calendars as we did a couple of years ago.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADVOCACY: Ever vigilant on behalf of our clients, Mary Lou informed us about the upcoming vote on Initiative 1433. This is the one that will raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. Seattle is already on

the path to that goal, having raised the minimum wage from \$9.75 (one of the highest minimum wages in the nation) to \$11.00 last year and \$12.00 this year. Sea-Tac is another city following this path. With the rising rents and costs of home ownership it is essential for people to be able to afford decent housing state-wide.

ENDOWMENT: Their meeting is on April 21, 2016. As noted, our Endowment is now at \$723,000. This is quite a blessing for the Association and the people we serve. Part of our grant money is generated from this and the balance from our general fund. In the past we have calculated about 3% for the semi-annual grant requests. As our Endowment increases, we will anticipate closer to 4% to 5% spending rate, thereby helping more of our clients with their needs.

MEMBERSHIP: We had a discussion on membership and how to convey to the circles the goals we hope to meet with calendars, raffle tickets, membership dues, etc. Joan suggested a circle packet outlining the above. Now we have one circle doing it one way and another circle doing it some other way. We need to differentiate what is required versus what is expected. Also, it would be invaluable for new circles forming.

We have a new circle in North Seattle just about ready to start up. Congratulations! Any new additions are wonderful news so that the younger generation can become enthused about our work and carry it on.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Our first vice president will move into the president's spot the upcoming year. Maureen Britt holds that position and will carry on the president's job. The second vice president chairs the nominating committee. Gayle Kaplan who serves on the Endowment committee has agreed to become an active Board member and serve as Hospitality chair. There is an opening for secretary as Jeanne Borrows will be leaving the Board at the end of her term in June. The entire roster will be announced at the May luncheon.

GRANT FUNDING – SPRING 2016: Helen Santucci announced the grants funded this spring. Seventy thousand, one hundred dollars came from the general fund and \$12,900 was added from the Endowment Fund for a total of \$83,000.

HISTORIAN: Sue Lynch was able to contact the group in Tacoma. They do more or less the same as the ACC. They too support CCS. They are not in circles but operate as a whole group. Sue is going to get in touch again to see if they would like to participate in our 100th Jubilee in any way. She also talked about the need to keep our files in a protected form, and will continue her research into getting minutes and agendas sorted and bound.

CIRCLE EVENTS & PROJECT UPDATES: Joyce Butler reported the Maude Rogers circle luncheon, fashion show and auction at Overlake was a big success with approximately 150 attending.

Mary Roddy reported Frances Hoffman bake sale at Assumption parish netted \$1,775.

Each circle is asked to send in their tentative financials in time to be included in the year-end figures on June 30, 2016.

The bi-annual Tour of Homes will be December 3, 2016. There will be a boutique shop, and a raffle as well. Hours: 9:30 to 4:30. Tickets \$25.00.

Layettes, wipes and diapers are needed, month after month.

Thanks to Kristy Charles of St. Therese Circle and Barbara Easter from Anna Donahoe Circle for hospitality this evening at the ACC's first Eastside board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Borrows, Secretary

