

Association for Catholic Childhood - Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2017

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall, 7:20 PM

Attending: Monica Scott, Deirdre Brownlow, Suzan Hruska, Mary Roddy, Helen Santucci, Maureen Ridgway, Laura Scheer, Mary Lane, Marilyn Bates, Laura Johnson, Elizabeth Kardokus, Colleen Cook, Donna Kysor, Pat Dixon, Mary Welch, Anne Friday, Catey Hagelin, Lynn Swick, Lotchie Kerch, Betty Sanders, JoAnn Kelly, Jean Walton, Mary Lou Wickwire, Maureen Britt, Marilyn Price.

Mary Welch led us in an opening prayer.

As we were in need of a secretary for this meeting, Maureen Ridgway stepped up to take notes.

The minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting were moved and seconded by Monica Scott and Maureen Britt.

Those in attendance introduced themselves. Most were members of circles associated with Our Lady of Fatima Parish: Katherine Meloy and Katie McKay.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Roddy submitted a mid-October 2015 Report. Approximately \$463,000 is in the Endowment pre-Celebrate the Children Event on November 14, 2015.

President's Report – Monica Scott thanked everyone for coming out on the stormy night for the first evening board meeting. She reported the Celebrate the Children Event was a great success, with thanks to the Endowment Committee and Chair Theresa Gallant for all of their work in organizing. Thank you, too, to all who attended and contributed. Special mention to Bill Hallerman of Catholic Community Services, our Master of Ceremonies and Bingo caller! We achieved the goal of bringing the Endowment Fund to \$500,000. Amounts raised that were known at the time of the board meeting were as follows:

\$10,000 – Anonymous Gift, \$41,000 – Event, \$3,600 – Raffle

Treasurer Position Changes – Monica Scott reported that Mary Roddy and Deirdre Brownlow had met and discussed procedural issues that were discussed at the October meeting.

Treasurer's Stipend - Mary Roddy discussed Endowment distribution and future target levels.

Staff Increase and Compensation - Deirdre Brownlow reported on Bank Deposits and increase in hours from 60 to 63 hours per month. Adjusting her salary accordingly was approved by the Board.

Financial Review Committee – As discussed in October, a committee is being formed that will review ACC financials at least twice each year. Members thus far include Maureen Ridgway, Monica Scott (or the president at the time), Christy Higgins, Suzan Hruska, and Anne Reed Anderson (pending).

Month, Date, Place for Next Meeting – Monica Scott Reported that in an effort to accommodate the president's work schedule and a need to look beyond meetings held mid-day, an additional evening meeting would be arranged. April 2016 was selected for the date. We will look for a location near to at least one active circle that has easy parking.

Grant Funding Review – Chair Helen Santucci reported all grant requests fully funded, as follows and as listed on the ACC website:

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates – \$10,000 – Special mention to Pat Dixon, the founder of CASA in 1982.

Family Support Education – CCS – \$2,000

Catholic Housing Services, Katherine's Place – \$10,000 – Rainier Valley

Pregnancy and Parenting Support (PrePS) – CCS Seattle – \$10,000 –

Special mention to Mary Lou Wickwire, a great volunteer and supporter of this service. Director very energetic.

Pregnancy Support Services – CCS SW – \$10,000 – Tacoma

Prepares – CCS Seattle – Headed by Erin Maguire from UDYC, the grassroots program helps parishes mentor new parents of children age birth to 5.

Secret Harbor, Burlington – \$5,000 – Some treatment in group homes, foster families, mental health services.

Youth Tutoring Program – Grays Harbor Family Center – \$10,000 – Includes annual funding for placement of Jesuit Volunteer Corp.

Youth Tutoring Program – CCS Seattle – King County – 24 Years, 1st-12th grade, 582 Volunteer Tutors; the speaker at CTC, Chi Nguyen, went through the program and is now an attorney and mentor at YTP!

Committee Reports –

Advocacy – Mary Lou Wickwire – Annual Meeting of the Children's Alliance December 3, 2015, Northwest African American Museum

Endowment – Christy Higgins. Although Christy was not in attendance, we once again noted the importance of having a \$500,000 Endowment Fund.

Nominating Committee – Maureen Britt – We are in need of a 1st VP who will become president in July. This is too important a job to let slide. A co-president is a possibility, so that two people might share the responsibility. Times and locations for upcoming meetings were discussed, including the idea of online meetings and have meetings on the Eastside. Many members work, which makes the mid-day Wednesday meeting time a challenge. We can start thinking of alternatives, like the evening meeting time, that will keep us going into the future.

Membership – Maureen Britt –, Meg Norton daughter of Betty Norton, is interested in forming Circle. Do we know who might want to start circles associated with St. Anne's or St. Alphonsus?

Hospitality – Thank you to all!

Historian – Sue Lynch – Although Sue was not at this meeting, we discussed possibly having our ACC book, *For the Least of These*, given as a gift to new circles.

Celebration Mass – Deirdre Brownlow – The Mass was well attended and the lunch was excellent. Thanks to the Marjorie Ryan Circle! Fr. Tim Clark of Our Lady of the Lake was the officiant at St. Catherine's, and everyone was very pleased with his words and approach, and with the music selected. Mary Welch gave heartfelt remarks on the Mass and those honored.

Christmas Gift Giving – Suzan Hruska reported looking for volunteer shoppers for 40 families. Delivery – First two weeks of December.

Name Change Committee – Marilyn Price - the committee will meet and develop a timeline. Last fall's survey of active members supports a name change, so that is the charge to move forward in looking into it. Members of the committee will meet with Bill Hallerman of CCS to let him know, and will reach out to circles to educate and inform. Goal to have rebranding by 2018 – our 100 year anniversary.

Circle Events and Projects

Hoffman Bake Sale raised \$1,481.

Katie McKay luncheon raised \$17,000.

Peabody/Hanley Bulbs – Still available as of the meeting from Washington Bulb Co! Call Mary Lou Wickwire if interested.

St. Bridget's - Paperwhites – Pick up on Saturday, 11/21, at the St Bridget parking lot.

Ryan/Lane Wreath and Poinsettia Sale raised about \$7,000.

Office Affinity Programs, Dues, Newsletter – Deirdre Brownlow reported on Amazon Prime Members *Smile* (like Scrip) Program and how members' signing up can earn some money for the ACC.

Escrip – we are listed on the Bartell's giving program. Once you get a card, you can show it each time you shop, and the ACC will earn some money.

Fred Meyer – same.

Newsletter – due date for items is Friday, November 20th, 2015.

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the CCS Office.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM!