

# Association for Catholic Childhood

## Minutes of October 14, 2015 Board Meeting

Monica Scott called the meeting to order at 10:15, followed by the opening prayer offered by Mary Roddy.

In attendance were Monica Scott, Barbara Easter, Jeanne Borrows, Anne Read-Andersen, Joan Walton, Nancy O'Brien, Mary Lou Wickwire, Lois Eason, Maureen Britt, Theresa Gallant, Ellen Wright, Helen Santucci, Marilyn Price, Mary Roddy, Sue Lynch, Maureen Ridgeway and Mary Welch.

MINUTES Approved as presented for the September 9, 2015 meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER Erin Maguire from the PREPARES group, a new pregnancy and parenting support agency of CCS, presented an enthusiastic outline of the program for pregnant women and new mothers and fathers.

The program is looking for volunteer office help, mentors for new mothers, and names of contacts to bring the program to the parishes. One of their current projects is the travelling crib housed in the various parishes for a month or so and then sent on to the next parish that requests it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT We clarified that the proceeds of the Celebrate the Children event will be dispersed as of the vote taken by the board in October 2013, with the exception that for the 2015 event the raffle ticket sales will join the Raise the Paddle in going 100% to the Endowment Fund. Raffle tickets for future CTC events will not have this wording on them. All other proceeds are to go to the General Fund until the Executive Board can be advised by the Treasurer whether or not the funds are needed currently. The Executive Board makes the decision about whether the proceeds (all or in part) stay in the General Fund or can be transferred to the Endowment.

TREASURER'S POSITION We discussed the Endowment Committee's proposal regarding the treasurer position. After much thoughtful discussion the following was decided: A twice-yearly stipend of \$400 (yearly total \$800) for the treasurer will be put in place in order to recognize the importance of the position. A committee will be formed to review financials formally once a year, and more often at the committee's discretion. Mary Roddy will talk with Colleen Cook about our current insurance regarding liability issues.

Rather than a "performance review" of the treasurer, which many said was not applicable for the non-paid position, the financial review will serve as a check on how the job is being done. ACC member, Maureen Ridgeway, volunteered to be part of the financial review committee, and we will have others joining her (Christy's name came up). The challenge is to find people who know enough about financial matters to offer a solid review. Mary asked that she not be on the committee, as it's a conflict of interest.

The description of the treasurer position will be updated to include the stipend (amount to be determined by the board) and the yearly financial review.

We also agreed that Deirdre will make deposits. The thought was that she's touching every check anyway – and it would facilitate the process. The addition to her time would be at least one trip to the bank per week, however long that might take. Mary noted that we process too many checks for the iPhone check deposit app, although mentioned a check scanner would be helpful.

Barbara recalled asking about an outside audit when she became president. The advice she got was that it was a more expensive process than it was worth, given that we are an “in and out” association. All agreed that at this point in the ACC’s life we need to put in place written financial procedures (which Mary will be working on) and a schedule for an internal review, records of which will be kept and passed on.

Mary also requested that circles be asked to write one check per destination – e.g. one check for dues, one check for raffle tickets, one for calendars, etc.; otherwise, it becomes quite a puzzle to figure out what goes where.

COMMITTEE REPORTS Mary Lou Wickwire reporting for Advocacy reported that Harrington House is no more. Advocating for Prop 1, Best Start for Kids on the November 3, 2015 election. She requested volunteers for a phone bank to get out the vote.

Nominating: We still need a first VP to assume the presidency this summer for the usual two-year term. Let’s do a big invitation for the November 17<sup>th</sup> evening meeting and get members who aren’t usually at board meetings to come.

Membership: Joan Walton graciously agreed to head this up now that hospitality is pretty well settled for this year’s meetings. You do not have to be a Board member to serve on the various committees so if something tickles your fancy please let us know. It’s good for your spiritual health!

Historian: Sue Lynch reminds us that she and Joann are happy to talk about the ACC history with any circle who would like to invite them. Remember to have copies of our association’s history from 1918 – 1940, *For the Least of These*, at circle events. The books are \$20 each, and 100% of the sale price goes to the ACC.

Celebration Mass: Look online for information. Date is November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Celebrate the Children: November 14<sup>th</sup>

Name Change Committee: We will have a report next month on their progress.

CIRCLE EVENTS & PROJECT UPDATES\* All dates and more details listed a [www.forthchildrenww.org](http://www.forthchildrenww.org)

Ellen Wright reported the Fr. Thomas Lane, Basket Raffle & Bunco party yielded \$800.

Mary Roddy announced the Frances Hoffman Bake Sale will be held at St. Bridget’s Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

Helen Santucci reported that the Katie McKay Luncheon was held at Broadmoor on October 21<sup>st</sup>

Mary Lou pitched for the Lilly Peabody/Irene Hanley bulb sale of daffodils and tulips at \$7 & \$6/doz

Marilyn Price announced St. Bridget’s Paperwhite Sale on Nov 21<sup>st</sup> to be picked up in the parking lot.

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Judy Schroeder is taking on the Poinsettia Sale! This form will be online soon. Call or email her if you can help. She particularly needs people to store plant orders in various parts of Seattle and the Eastside so those who can't pick up their plants at St. Catherine's on December 1<sup>st</sup> can have an alternative closer to home.

Calendars: We have 30 calendars left, so were very close on our order this year. Please contact Deirdre if you would like any to sell.

The next Board meeting is TUESDAY, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. Please contact Deirdre if you would like to carpool. 3218 W Barrett (Magnolia) 7pm social, 7:30 start

Thanks to Barbara Easter and Monica Scott for Hospitality this meeting.

Newsletter Deadline: November 20<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Borrows, Secretary