

Association for Catholic Childhood

Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2015

Monica Scott called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Monica read a beautiful prayer for the group.

In attendance were: Monica Scott, Maureen Britt, Mary Loy Wickwire, Judy Schroeder, Joan Walton, Olive Healy, Helen Santucci, Gayle Kaplan, Barbara Easter, Marilyn Price, Nancy O'Brien, Deirdre Brownlow, Wendy Bambrick, Joan Glick, Madeleine Dennison, Erica Michales.

Nancy Tribolet and Colleen Nowak, representatives from a new circle, "St Therese", were introduced and welcomed.

MINUTES: approved as presented from March meeting.

TRESURER'S: Cindy Rafferty was not at the meeting today. She furnished financial reports. The total assets as of March 31, 2015 are \$649,468.78. This includes the Operating fund and Endowment fund.

Presidents Report

- **Name change – Monica reported the ACC name change is moving slowly. The committee is checking on costs involved with the change. One possible name suggested is "Advocacy and Caring for Children" with "A Catholic Organization since 1918". It would allow keeping ACC. This can easily be a two-year process.**
- **May Luncheon – No major change this year. A trio of salads and lemon meringue tart will be served. We will have two speakers this year, one is ex director of CASA and the other was tutored and is now tutoring at UDYC. We were reminded to get circle reservations and raffle donation information in as soon as possible.**
- **Calendar – ordering fewer calendars was discussed. We ordered 1600 for 2015 with 362 left unsold. They cost \$1749. and brought in \$4331. It was suggested fewer be ordered for next year. Circles need to let Deirdre know by June 30th how many they really need and want. We are paying for more than necessary.**
- **Prayers were said for Joanne Schumacher who is very ill.**
- **Nominating Committee – all board members are returning next year except Judy Schroeder. It was voted and approved that Mary Lou Wickwire and Sue Lynch be kept on the board. We still need a 1st Vice President to come on the board and take over as President**

when Monica's term ends. Anyone interested should contact Maureen Britt.

Committee Reports

- **Advocacy – Mary Lou Wickwire reported the Legislature is in session a few more weeks and has yet we haven't heard much on children's issues. The Children's Alliance lunch is on June 6th and ACC has a table. Let Mary Lou know if you would like to attend. Always great information at the luncheon. A web page has been created for Advocacy on our website. A CASA link is also now on the website. Please visit!**
- **Endowment/Funding Review– Helen Santucci reported we have \$98,000 in grant requests for the Spring Funding. \$9,700 will be available from the Endowment Fund for grants. A Funding Review meeting will be held later in the day to determine how much money we can and will be able to grant to the 10 programs applying this spring.**
- **Membership – Judy Schroeder reported the \$98,000 in grant requests reflects the great need of people who face hurdles every day – rising costs for rent, child care and medical care; homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, mental and physical health issues, lack of language and social skills, lack of a job, fear and loneliness, with minimal support. Due to ACC support, we funded it all! This is what we do. This is how we make a difference! Can that continue without new members of ACC? NO! During Easter, we sang, "Roll Away the Stone". Face the challenge! Roll away the stones – "I don't have time", "Someone else can do it better", "I don't know what to do", "I don't know anyone". Pray for us. Share information about ACC. INVITE! Only you can do it**
- **History – Deirdre reported all circle histories are now on the ACC website. Information is as of the 1990's. Circles need to check website and update if necessary.**

Circle Projects and Updates

- **Katherine Meloy Luncheon on March 14th made \$8,000.**
- **Fr Vogal Luncheon was great success!**
- **Frances Hoffman Bake Sale on April 18th & 19th will take place after Masses.**
- **Katie McKay Plant Sale will be May 2nd.**
- **St Bridget's Circle will have a pre sale for paper whites next year. The forms will be available in September.**

The next meeting will be the May Luncheon on May 13th. See you there!