

# Association for Catholic Childhood

## Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Monica Scott at 10:05am and the Hail Mary said as opening prayer.

\*\*In attendance were: Monica Scott, Maureen Britt, Jeanne Borrows, Kate Szymanski, Mary Lou Wickwire, Judy Schroeder, Joan Walton, Helen Santucci, Theresa Gallant, Erika Michels, Carrie Hirst, Gayle Kaplan, Trish Keaton, Sue Lynch, Marilyn Price, Nancy O'Brien, Deirdre Brownlow, Lois Eason, Ellen Wright

**MINUTES** approved as presented from November meeting.

**GUEST SPEAKER** Josephine Tamayo Murray, VP for Public Policy, CCS/Catholic Housing Services of WW.

New Legislative session started this month with budget shortfall of \$5 billion. Catholic Community Services works on both sides of the government and will continue to advocate for issues relating to children and families in need.

CCS is working in partnership with The **Dialogue for Justice** (which is an exciting and successful Archdiocesan-wide initiative working with and on behalf of people who are poor and vulnerable in our communities. Bringing together parishes and organizations, **Dialogue for Justice** helps strengthen Catholic advocacy to reduce poverty) and **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** which provides minimal cash assistance to children and their families.

Please consider attending Catholic Advocacy Day March 26, 2015.

For more information please visit the website at [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We are currently in between Treasurers. Christy Higgins will fill in in the meantime and will be paid a stipend which she has graciously donated to the Endowment Fund. Thank you to Jeanne Borrows for her time as past Treasurer.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- The recent survey was reviewed and was sent to Circle Chairs to forward to their members.
- Labor of Love Auction procurement is underway (until Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>). Encourage members to donate – items don't need to be large, i.e. food items, purses, gift cards are great. New items or vintage are welcome.
- When attending board meetings please check in with the front desk and get a visitor sticker. For security reasons it is important for CCS to know who is in the building at all times.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Advocacy – **Have a Heart for Kids** day is Feb. 2 in Olympia. Workshops are held in the morning before the march to the Capitol steps for the rally. Please visit the Children's Alliance website at [www.childrensalliance.org](http://www.childrensalliance.org) - Focus this year is Breakfast after the Bell, Dental Access Bill and Early Start Act. Pregnancy Support is also in need of layettes – for a list of items visit the ACC website [www.forthchildrenww.org](http://www.forthchildrenww.org)
- Endowment – Current value of fund is \$465,314.95. The committee will head Celebrate the Children.
- Membership – Judy had a call from someone at the Cathedral expressing interest in ACC and the possibility of a new circle there.
- Hospitality – Joan put out a call for a little help with set-up /clean-up. We will have our own coffee urn to simplify with set-up.
- Historian – Half of the books have been sold, there is potential to use books to boost membership. Deirdre has worked hard to get circle histories on the ACC website. They can be brief and include pictures. Check Marjorie Ryan page for a good example.

## **CIRCLE PROJECTS AND UPDATES**

- Lilly Peabody/Irene Hanley Circles **Bulb Sale** – All bulbs were sold and raised \$3,100.
- Mary Ann Sauvage Circle **Poinsettia Sale** and Marjorie Ryan Circle **Wreath Sale** raised about \$9,000. Thank you to Gayle Kaplan and Debbie Sauvage and other circle members who chipped in to get them delivered.
- St. Bridget's Paperwhite Narcissus sale raised about \$1200. Their Christmas Bazaar raised \$1800.
- Katherine Meloy Circle Holiday Home Tour raised \$34,000 (\$12,000 in sponsorship).  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Luncheon will take place March 14, 2015 at the Washington Athletic Club - \$50 p/p.
- Frances Hoffman Circle **Bake Sale** will be First Communion weekend at ASB.
- Fr. Thomas Lane Bunco will be Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm in Renton at St. Anthony's Parish.
- The ACC luncheon will be May 13, 2015 at the Sand Point Country Club.

Please visit the ACC website for more detailed information on events [www.forthethechildrenww.org](http://www.forthethechildrenww.org)

## **NEXT MEETING**

- Wednesday Feb. 11, 2015 at CCS. Coffee and social at 9:30, meeting begins promptly at 10am.

Minutes submitted by Kate Szymanski  
Secretary to the board