

Association for Catholic Childhood

ACC Annual Luncheon at Sand Point Country Club May 13th 2015 – 1PM

Monica Scott called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. She welcomed all present, including some of our past members, and our friends from Catholic Community Services.

The May luncheon is a special opportunity both to reconnect with fellow members and to review the year we are ending. 2014-2015 has been a particularly good year for the Association.

President's Report

- We were able to fully fund our grant requests this past fall - \$67,500 went to eight agencies.**
- We continued the trend this past month by filling nearly all the grant requests we received for the spring - \$95,000 went to ten agencies and programs.**
- Our website presence was strengthened. Among the many items you can now find on our site is a summary of the organizations we funded, both this fall and spring.**
- The Labor of Love Auction was the best yet. Thanks to Deirdre Brownlow, Gayle Kaplan, Sue Richards, Barbara Easter, Kathy O'Halloran and everyone who participated.**
- We learned more about our association via our first active member survey completed this fall. The findings highlighted our strengths and identified a good direction for the future.**
- We had a beautiful and inspirational Celebration Mass at St. Catherine's and were introduced to Fr. Mark.**
- The Mary Helen Heffernan and Mary Ann Sauvage Circles requested to go inactive, although individual members continue to be involved. We welcome the new St. Therese Circle from the St. Louise School and parish community.**
- We end the year with twenty active circles and 364 dues-paying members.**
- Our Endowment Fund stands at \$475,849! Our aim is \$500,000 in the coming year.**
- Be sure to save November 14th for the Celebrate the Children Endowment Fundraiser.**

Joanne King gave us a glimpse back at our rich and meaningful history. We are coming up on our centennial anniversary and much has been accomplished over the years.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April meeting minutes.

Most of the current slate of Board members is returning. This includes Maureen Britt, Jeanne Borrows, Cindy Raffety, Kate Szymanski, Mary Lou Wickwire, Joan Walton, Theresa Gallant, Helen Santucci, Sue Lynch, Barbara Easter, Marilyn Price, Nancy O'Brien and Nancy Crowley, continuing with Monica Scott as President. Monica thanked everyone for the support and work this past year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the above Board.

There were several members noted who have special assignments for the Association and Monica asked for recognition of them. Olive Healy helps with the Board meetings; Suzan Hruska heads up the Christmas Gift Program; Christy Higgins monitors our Endowment Fund; and Gayle Kaplan organizes the Celebration Mass.

Judy Schroeder is leaving the Board at the end of June. She has been an invaluable asset having served as President and Membership Chair. She was presented with a token of our gratitude for all her contributions.

There are two vacancies on the Board to be filled at the June meeting. Anyone interested please contact Maureen Britt.

There were two speakers on the luncheon program. Roxanne Mennes, the Executive Director of Family Law CASA, spoke of what the advocates do in the program and of one particular case to illustrate this work. The second speaker was attorney Chi Nguyen who told us about the Youth Tutoring Program and of the work they do in the community. Chi also related her personal experience with the program.

Our last meeting of the year is a dinner meeting, being held at Queen Margherita's in Magnolia on June 17th. This ends our fiscal year. The next meeting will be early fall, date to be announced later.

Minutes submitted by Jeanne Borrows, Secretary