

Association for Catholic Childhood

Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Monica Scott at 10:05am and started with a scripture reading and a poem read by Theresa Gallant.

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

MINUTES approved as presented from October meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER

Eric Green, ACC Endowment Fund manager (Russell Investments) spoke to the board about how the fund has been doing since he started managing it in 2012. Last year, 2013 was a great year gaining 11% on performance. This year was a little rockier but is starting to recover and we are at about 5% for the year. Our profile is a balanced one and reviewed daily with activity happening monthly.

He reiterated how valuable and important gifts to the endowment are and encouraged giving through estate planning and bequest gifts. There are instructions on the ACC website to guide members through the process.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanne spoke with the insurance agent for ACC and he said that ACC board members are personally liable for our funds and strongly encouraged getting the \$1,000/year coverage. Jeanne will follow up with him to find out what the premium covers. Monica will check with the Archdiocese to see if we're already covered for board member actions as taxes are filed at that level and there is something already in place. She will also check with the attorney for CCS.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The 10 question survey was sent out to active members and is open until mid-December. Deirdre provided a hard copy for those without e-mail and requested that circles forward her e-mail addresses for any that are missing from your roster.
- The Labor of Love auction will be live Feb. 21st. Keep an eye out for auction items and mention it to friends and family. Barbara Easter, Monica Scott, Gayle Kaplan and Kathy O'Halloran will work together to chair the event.
- Celebrate the Children is set at the Center for Urban Horticulture Nov. 14, 2015 and is still in need of a chairperson.
- Tea Service – Possible ideas was discussed for selling the tea service which is appraised at about \$800. It was agreed that we would list it on the Labor of Love auction and it would be priced accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Advocacy – The Children's Alliance Annual meeting was held Thurs. Nov. 16th and Mary Lou said it was very enlightening. Several legislators spoke about the 4 items on the 2015 agenda which include Ending Childhood Hunger, Investing in Early Learning, Securing Health for All Kids and Adopting New Sources of Revenue and closing outdated tax preferences.
About 125 organizations make up the organizational members and over 9,000 individuals are members of the online Children's Action Network. Sign up at www.childrensalliance.org. It's free.
- Endowment – The White Envelope drive is underway and 100% participation is encouraged. Please make payments with a separate check or go the website www.forthchildrenw.org and click on Endowment. Christmas Appeal letters will be sent out so it's important for all board members to donate so that we can ask members to do the same.
- Grant Funding Review – 100% of grant requests were fully funded for the Fall. Total grant numbers since 2004 are available on our website as well as links to organizations that helped.

- Membership – Judy is available to visit with circles and parishes to discuss membership and ideas to encourage new members.
- Historian – Sue Lynch did some research on the medal with the ACC logo on it. If we want to make copies there is a business in Fremont that can make a mold of the ones that aren't stamped with Chapel Sterling on the back.
- The Celebration Mass at St. Catherine Parish was lovely thanks to Gayle and her crew! Lots of members also helped out the day of the luncheon. Eight deceased members were honored letting family members know how much they were appreciated. If any other circles would be willing to tag team in the future it would be very helpful.
- Fred Meyer/Kroger Rewards – Deirdre was able to list ACC as a community charity on their rewards program. Sign up by linking your Fred Meyer card to ACC (#85981) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. It's free money for ACC and doesn't take away from the gas/grocery rewards that you are receiving. Please share with your circles.

CIRCLE PROJECTS AND UPDATES

- Katherine Meloy Circle **Magnolia Holiday Home Tour** is our largest fundraiser and will be on Saturday Dec. 6 from 10am – 4pm. Details for ticket purchase and Tour Boutique and Tea House information can be found at www.magnoliahometour.com, or, for our non-computer gals, tickets are available by mail. Please send a check *and* stamped self-addressed legal sized envelope to ACC, 2855 42nd Ave W, Seattle WA 98199. Presale orders **must be received by 11/26/14**, or purchased at the Magnolia Garden Center 3213 W. Smith, November 1st-26th. Day of Tour tickets available at Fatima Social Center. Cost is \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of. They are inviting all ACC members to serve as hostesses in the homes. Shifts are two hours, starting at 10AM. Please e-mail jackie@tscan.biz if you can help. Also donations of homemade cookies for the Tea House are welcome. Please drop them off at the Fatima Social Center on Tour Day 12/6/2014.
- Mary Ann Sauvage Circle **Poinsettia Sale** will be combined with the Marjorie Ryan Circle **Wreath Sale** in November. Order forms are available on the ACC website. Pick up at several locations will be Dec. 2, 2014 with free delivery on orders of \$250 or more. They will also be at the St. James Advent Bazaar on Sun. Nov. 30th and at the Dec. 7th coffee hour.
- St. Bridget's **Paperwhite Narcissus** will be on sale Sat/ Sun before Thanksgiving at St. Bridget's and Our Lady of the Lake. There are 4 bulbs in each basket and are suitable for gift giving at \$20 a basket. Call Marilyn Price at 206-523-3651 if you would like to purchase some.
- Frances Hoffman Circle **Bake Sale** will be the weekend before Thanksgiving at Assumption and they are specializing in pies.

NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday Jan. 14, 2015 at CCS. Coffee and social at 9:30, meeting begins promptly at 10am.

Minutes submitted by Kate Szymanski
Secretary to the board