

Association for Catholic Childhood

Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Monica Scott at 10:00am and started with a prayer.

**In attendance were: Monica Scott, Maureen Britt, Jeanne Borrows, Kate Szymanski, Mary Lou Wickwire, Theresa Gallant, Sue Lynch, Barbara Easter, Marilyn Price, Nancy Crowley

Non-board members in attendance: Deirdre Brownlon, Judy McAteer, Lois Eason, Olive Healy, Joyce Butler, Kathy O'Halloran, Peggy Baschen, Marie Miller, Louise Nimey, Anne Becker, Jan Alkire, Gayle Kaplan, Wendy Bambrick, Nancy Monahan.

MINUTES approved as presented from June meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanne Borrows reported that there is currently \$151,756.90 in the operating budget. The endowment balance is \$452,250.51

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- We are in need of a chairperson for the Labor of Love auction and Celebrate the Children for Fall of 2015. Please let Monica know if you would like any information and she will be happy to forward it.
- Accommodating members that are inactive due to age/health restrictions – Making them honorary members within their circles was suggested and met with approval. As far as the data base is concerned they will be considered inactive.
- Holy Angels going fully inactive.
- Mary Ann Sauvage Circle will work with the Marjorie Ryan Circle on the Poinsettia sale.
- May Luncheon – Maureen Britt is in charge of raffle set up and ticket sales.
- The ACC logo is a depiction of the Christ Child taken from a larger painting with John the Baptist. If anyone knows where the original art is, please let the office know. All we have on file is a copy and a thank you letter to the artist dated in the late 1940's.
- Monica would like to survey members regarding meeting times, the possibility of changing our logo and changing our name while still keeping the acronym of ACC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Advocacy – Things are slow in summer but will pick up in the fall when the State Legislature resumes. Members are encouraged to connect with the legislature on-line and sign up with The Children's Alliance which gets results in our state. More to come regarding signing up.
- Endowment – Our goal is to reach \$500,000 at which point we can transfer 3%. Circles are asked to encourage members to donate to the endowment fund at any amount they can afford. Thanks to Deirdre and Suzan Hruska it can now be done on-line.
Consider ACC in your estate planning and please let Deirdre if you are thinking about it.
- Membership – Consider manning a table at your parish Ministry Fair. A Power Point presentation is available if you would like to use it. If you would like to sell copies of the book For the Least of These (A history of ACC) please contact Sue Lynch. The books are \$20 and 100% of the profit goes to ACC - thanks to Sue for covering the cost of publication.
- Hospitality – Olive Healy put together a nice spread for our first meeting and learned to use the big coffee urns! A sign-up sheet was passed around to volunteer for refreshments and beginning prayer for the next meetings.
- Historian – Sue Lynch generously offered to attend any circle meetings to talk about the book. She plans to start researching and writing a follow-up book so look forward to a phone call if you have been a long time member as she will be do many interviews.

- The Celebration Mass at St. Catherine Parish will be Nov. 5th at 11am followed by a luncheon. Invitations will be going out soon. If any other parishes would be willing to take over the Mass and luncheon in the future the Marjorie Ryan Circle would be willing to tag team. Deirdre and Gayle Kaplan have been keeping track of deceased members to be honored at the luncheon. Please let them know of anyone who has passed away this year.

CIRCLE PROJECTS AND UPDATES

- Lilly Peabody/Irene Hanley Circles **Bulb Sale** – 3 new varieties this year! Order form is available or on-line at www.forthchildrenww.org under fundraising. Order soon because once they're gone, they're gone.
- Mary Ann Sauvage Circle **Poinsettia Sale** will be combined with the Marjorie Ryan Circle **Wreath Sale** in November. Pick up at several locations will be Dec. 2, 2014 with free delivery on orders of \$250 or more.
- Fr. Thomas Lane Circle is selling **basket raffle** tickets at their Octoberfest. 6 tickets for \$5. The Bunco party will be Sunday Oct. 19th from 2pm – 4pm. No experience needed, just come have fun.
- Katie McKay Circle **Fall luncheon** will be held next year 2015.
- St. Bridget's **Paperwhite Narcissus** will be on sale Sat/ Sun before Thanksgiving at Assumption/St. Bridget's. Pricing and more info to follow.
- 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.
- Frances Hoffman Circle **Bake Sale** will be the weekend before Thanksgiving.

OTHER ITEMS

- The Maud Rogers Circle is considering hosting their Spring Luncheon in conjunction with another service organization called Altrusa. They would split the donations and be able involve more people thereby ensuring the luncheon can continue.
- Deirdre is working on updating the fundraising section of the ACC website with Sue Lynch. A page for each circle will include links, pictures and the history of each circle.
- Pregnancy Support is in need of large diapers (4,5&6) as well as pull-ups. Diapers, wipes, clothing etc. can be brought to circle meetings and then brought to the board meeting. If you would like to volunteer, they can always use help with sorting on Mondays from 10am-12pm at St. Edwards.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday Oct. 8th, 2014 at CCS. Coffee and social at 9:30, meeting begins promptly at 10am.

Minutes submitted by Kate Szymanski
Secretary to the board