**Catholic Charities Board of Advisors Minutes**

**September 19, 2017 --- 6:00-8:00**

**Catholic Charities Classroom**

**Board Members present:**  Kurt Daunhauer, Janet Fischer, Ed Knust, Judy Kropfl, Ann Lampkins, Nancy Oskins, Father Frank Renner, Kathy Todd, Mary Beth Vaught, Michael Vogel, and Gerald Weber

**Excused:** Sandra Chaparro, Sister Jane McConnell, Father Ed Schnur, and Jim Thyen

**Staff present:** Sharon Burns, Director

**Guest:** Glenn Tebbe of the Indiana Catholic Conference

President Janet Fischer called the meeting to order, followed by the opening prayer given by Father Frank Renner. Minutes of the August 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed; Nancy Oskins made a motion to approve the minutes; Kathy Todd seconded it.

**President’s Report:** President Janet Fischer introduced **Mr. Glenn Tebbe**, Executive Director of the Indiana Catholic Conference. Mr. Tebbe described the work of the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) as advocating for non-profits across the five dioceses in Indiana. The ICC is “the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana.” The ICC has spoken for the Church on both state and national issues since 1967. In his discussion, Mr. Tebbe informed the Board about the Indiana Catholic Action Network (I-CAN) that Catholic citizens can join to become more involved in shaping legislation. Members of I-CAN receive Action Alerts on-line from time to time letting members know about votes on key issues/bills and how to contact their legislators. Mr. Tebbe stated that everyone has a moral obligation to take an active part in public life and to promote the common good.

A return discussion concerning the recently developed Scorecard and Guiding Principles was held, with Board members giving more input. President Janet Fischer noted that the fact that these documents follow trends could indicate that there will not always be a “target” for each item. A new category entitled “Board” was suggested for the Scorecard, listing percentage of attendance, donations, and hours of service.

**Director’s Report:** Sharon reported that she is in the process of interviewing for two open positions at this time. She hopes to fill the positions very soon. The Gift Card Drive for hurricane victims was very successful. The cards were collected on Saturday, September 16 on the grounds of St. Vincent’s Hospital. Cards given were from Home Depot, Lowe’s, Walmart, and Visa. Totals will be announced soon. Results from a second collection in each parish will be combined with the gift card totals and sent to Catholic Charities agencies in hurricane affected areas. Sharon also reported to the Board that the fleet of cars owned by Catholic Charities has been sold due to too few rentals.

**Committee Reports:**

**Marketing/PR:** It was reported that there will soon be Catholic Charities advertising on seven bus-stop benches around the city. Sharon will be a guest on WIKY with an “extortion breakfast” on Friday, October 6 to share our new brand with the public.

**Finance:** Mike Vogel went through the financial report, noting variances, the costs of marketing, and other miscellaneous items. He responded to a few questions from the Board.

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**Nominations:** Kathy Todd informed the Board that Jim Thyen has resigned from the Board; a new member will be appointed to replace Jim. The Board was given biographical sketches of three possible nominations to the Board: Elizabeth Baier, Daniel Niemeier, and Mary Rock. Voting for new members and Officers will take place at the November meeting.

**Social Enterprise Business:**  A meeting with this committee will take place soon.

**Development, Building, and Social Enterprise Program Committees** are on hold at this time.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

* Tues., **November 21, 2017 – NEXT BOARD MEETING** 6:00 p.m., Catholic Charities Classroom

Kathy Todd closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lampkins

Secretary