

Catholic Charities Board of Advisors Minutes

January 19, 2016 --- 6:30-8:30 Eastern

Sts. Peter and Paul, Petersburg --- Parish Hall

Board Members present: Fr. John Boeglin, Janet Fischer, Lisa Ice-Jones, Nancy Kirkpatrick, Ed Knust, Judy Kropfl, Ann Lampkins, Dan Ritter, Fr. Ed Schnur, Michael Vogel, and Gerald Weber

Excused: Sr. Jane McConnell, Nancy Oskins, and Cyndi Pepper

Staff present: Sharon Burns, Director

Visitor: Chuck Froehle (member of Sts. Peter and Paul parish) was an observer at the meeting.

Following a wonderful meal provided by members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and with members of both merged parishes (Blessed Sacrament in Oakland City and Sts. Peter and Paul) in attendance, Sharon gave an informative power point presentation reintroducing Catholic Charities with explanations of programs and services we provide to the people of Southwestern Indiana. A short question and answer session followed.

President Janet Fischer began the meeting with an opening prayer. Minutes of the November 17, 2105 meeting were reviewed and approved with no amendments.

President's Update: Janet asked Lisa Ice-Jones to report on her **fundraising idea** to invite Chris Gardner of *The Pursuit of Happyness* fame to speak. Lisa told the Board that Mr. Gardner's fee is \$40,000 plus first class travel expenses; she mentioned that his assistants said he will "work with non-profit organizations," and will do a book signing as well as a VIP meet and greet if we get corporate sponsorships. The main concern from Sharon's perspective is the delineation as to what Board members can and will provide and what is expected of her staff so that she can determine whether or not an event of this nature is possible. After much discussion relating to what price can we afford to pay, how much we want to net, the fact that Bishop Thompson is considering a Capital Campaign for the diocese, and the timing for hosting an August 2016 event, it was decided to postpone a 2016 event and give due consideration to hosting a fundraiser in 2017. Lisa is awaiting more information and will share updates at an upcoming Board meeting.

A discussion followed concerning an alternative fundraiser to help us afford the programs we offer. An Annual Fund was suggested. Such a solicitation might include a brochure which outlines all the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities and how much money is needed to provide each, as well as how much has already been provided and the follow-up involved. The brochure would give donors options as to how to help: Scrip gift cards (a win-win for parishes), cash options, etc.

The **United Way of Gibson County** will visit our offices on February 9. Gerald Weber volunteered to represent the Board along with Janet Fischer.

Representation on the Board is needed from the North Deanery (Davies and Knox counties) and the East Deanery (Spencer and Dubois counties).

Director's Update: Sharon reported information concerning a Diocesan **Capital Campaign** that Bishop Thompson is considering. All other funding campaigns will be put on hold if a campaign is initiated in the diocese.

Sharon also gave the Board an update on **office personnel**. She stated that she will be posting positions locally and nationally for a new position, Coordinator of Office Operations. An opening for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker position vacated by Andrew is posted. A Spanish speaking counselor would be preferred. Sharon wants to hire a supervisor level person as Tom Wannemuehler will be staying on through January. Laura Chandley will be leaving her position after her marriage.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mike Vogel presented the year-end financial statements. He reviewed items that had significant variance to budgeted amounts. An audit on April 18 was approved by the Board.

Governance: The Governance Committee did not meet as their work is completed.

Development and Programs: The future of these two committees will be redefined at the March meeting. New goals and responsibilities will be discussed; members will be assigned.

The next meeting -- **Tuesday, March 15, 2016** from 6:00-8:00 at the Catholic Charities

Diocesan Signature Event for all Catholics -- **Saturday, May 14, 2016** at the Ford Center

The May meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 17, 2016** at the Office of Hispanic Ministry in Huntingburg.

The meeting was closed with a prayer offered by Dan Ritter.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lampkins

Secretary