

Catholic Charities Board of Advisors Minutes

November 21, 2017 --- 6:00-8:00

Catholic Charities Classroom

Board Members present: Janet Fischer, Ed Knust, Ann Lampkins, Sister Jane McConnell, Nancy Oskins, Father Ed Schnur, Kathy Todd, Mary Beth Vaught, Mike Vogel, and Gerald Weber

Excused: Judy Kropfl, Father Frank Renner

Staff present: Sharon Burns, Director

President Janet Fischer called the meeting to order; Sister Jane McConnell led the Board in an opening prayer. Minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed. With one correction (under Nominations Committee, Janet Fischer informed the Board of Jim Thyen's resignation from the Board, not Kathy Todd), Gerald Weber made a motion to approve the minutes; Nancy Oskins seconded it.

President's Report: President Janet Fischer recognized four outgoing members of the Board: Ed Knust, Ann Lampkins, Nancy Oskins, and Gerald Weber. After a few good words thanking each of them, they were presented with a gift to remember their service on the Board. Each then commented on how meaningful serving on the Board the past six years has been. Words of prayerful hope in the Board's future endeavors were mentioned numerous times.

Janet reported that Sandra Chaparro (due to work schedule) and Kurt Daunhauer (due to family time constraints) have resigned from the Board. Debbie Neufelder, from Holy Cross, Ft. Branch, will replace Sandra Chaparro. Kurt Daunhauer's position will be filled as soon as possible.

Director's Report: In her update on personnel matters, Sharon related to the Board the difficulty of hiring counselors; this is now a nation-wide problem. She is working hard to fill open positions with persons who will remain on staff for longer lengths of time. She also noted that with the refugee services lower than they had been, it is possible our personnel may be lower also. Eric Girten has been hired to fill the position vacated by Dominic Faraone. Sharon reported that the Diocesan Capital Campaign has been very successful and that the money designated for Catholic Charities will be very welcomed to help with upcoming building costs.

Catholic Charities has received a Welborn Baptist Foundation grant totaling \$60,000 to use over a two year span with The Emmaus Project. This project will assist in developing and implementing a work mentoring program. Sharon introduced staff member, Tracy Gander, who will oversee this project. Tracy described the mentoring program. It is intended to be an adult-to-adult mentoring program. An informational meeting for interested volunteer mentors is being held on Tuesday, November 28. We will contract with "Trusted Mentors" of Indianapolis to work with us as this new program is developed.

The social enterprise program service list has been narrowed to offering a handyman service for local residences, businesses and parishes. Matters concerning taxes, liability, and employment/unemployment issues are being reviewed.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/PR: No report

Finance: Mike Vogel reviewed the current financial report noting that some areas were budgeted too high, some too low. He presented the 2018 budget to the Board which he said was a more accurate reflection of expenditures and income. Kathy Todd made the motion to approve the 2018 budget; Gerald Weber seconded the motion.

Nominations: Kathy Todd presented the slate of new Board members: Judy Kropfl (Newburgh, renewal), Elizabeth Baier (West Deanery), Mary Rock (South Deanery), Dan Niemier (at-large), and Ruth Fritch (East Deanery). After a short discussion, Sister Jane McConnell made the motion to approve the slate of new Board members; the motion was seconded by Mike Vogel.

The 2018 slate of new Board officers was then presented:

Mike Vogel, President

Judy Kropfl, Vice-President

Kathy Todd, Secretary

Janet Fischer made the motion to approve the 2018 slate of officers; Mary Beth Vaught seconded the motion.

Development: No report

Social Enterprise Program: No report

Social Enterprise Business: See information concerning [The Emmaus Project](#) under Director's Report.

Building: No report

UPCOMING DATES:

Tues., January 16, 2018 -- NEXT BOARD MEETING – Catholic Charities – 6:00 p.m. Central time

Janet Fischer closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Lampkins

Secretary

