

## **Catholic Charities Board of Advisors Minutes**

**March 20, 2018--6:00 PM**

### **Catholic Charities Classroom**

**Board Members present:** Mike Vogel, Father Frank Renner, Debbie Neufelder, Ruth Fritch, Elizabeth Baier, Mary Rock, Father Ed Schnur, and Kathy Todd.

**Board Members excused:** Sister Jane McConnell, Dan Niemier and Janet Fischer.

**Guest:** Dan Ritter, Chair, Building Committee

**Staff present:** Sharon Burns.

President Mike Vogel opened the meeting and noted our major focus was interviewing potential building firms and making recommends to the Building Committee for action. Building Committee members include Dan Ritter, Mary Rock, Janet Fischer, and Fr. Ed Schnur and Sharon Burns. He noted, however, that our first guest was Todd Brock of the Catholic Foundation of Southwest Indiana.

Father Renner gave the blessing.

Mike introduced the following guests:

Catholic Foundation of Southwest Indiana **CFSWIN: Todd Brock, Executive Director**, presented an informative presentation of the Foundation. They are a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt entity and their board is independent of the diocese. The Catholic Foundation is celebrating 25 years of service and they hold almost \$50 million dollars in more than 600 endowed funds. Todd shared their background, mission, and processes to gaining and fulfilling financial support, their successful strategic plan that has to-date surpassed projected outcomes. The economic growth in the stock market has helped greatly and is anticipated to continue for the next 2 to 3 years. Printed materials were distributed.

Hafer and Associates, Evansville: **President Jeff Justice, Tom Blythe and Amy Barrett** presented a well documented power point presentation telling the Hafer and Associates' story. After serving the area for forty years, some of their projects include Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, medical buildings known as MOB2, Riley Children's Hospital, Urgent Care, Pharmacy, Pediatrics and Urology, Evansville Airport Terminal renovations and Saint Meinrad Monte Cassino Shrine Renovation. Printed materials were distributed.

Buente - Buente Architects, P.C: **Michael and Charline Buente** have been serving area institutions with their architectural services since 1997. Their facility design experience includes commercial, educational, retail and religious work. They enjoy working with building committees to assist with the planning required to realize their visions and accommodate their needs and programs within budget. Their projects includes: Saint Wendel Catholic Church and School's Early Childhood Center,

McCullough Branch Library Renovations, Kimball Kids Preschool and Daycare in Jasper, Charlier Hospice Center and others. Printed materials were distributed.

After the presentations, the board discussed their views, issues and concerns from the interviews. Everyone fully agreed that both groups would do an excellent job for us. Dan and Sharon will be working closely with the Building Committee during the month of April to make a recommendation for which architectural firm to hire. Sharon anticipates a board decision will be made at the May meeting.

**Director's Report:** Sharon updated the board of recent personnel additions including Social Enterprise Manager, Family Services Counselor and Immigration Legal Services Attorney. Father Ed Schnur encouraged more publicity for the Mentoring Program.

**Committee Reports:**

- Marketing/PR: Father Frank requested more marketing on “our clients” needs and our future plans to serve them. The full board agreed.
- Social Enterprise Program and Enterprise Business Committees will be meeting soon.
- 2018 Committee Assignments: Judy Kropfl shared a chart she prepared identifying all committee members. The information was appreciated by all.

**Closing Prayer:** Debbie Neufelder gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Todd, Recording Secretary