

**EAC Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

Before the meeting officially began, Joan Kelly brought up the issue of *Zoom bombing* and expressed concern this could happen during the Awards Celebration scheduled for April 18. Obviously, there would be no way we could prevent such a thing if the perpetrator was truly determined to wreak havoc on our meeting. Wendi suggested we have three meeting rehearsals, two for newbies to Zoom in order to help them feel comfortable with the technology, and one for the EAC to feel out the timing and the coordination of the event.

The meeting was officially called to order at 9:08 am; the opening prayer was read. Those in attendance were Barb Atteln, Paula Bakula, Nancy English, Joan Falk, Maggie Fowler, Joan Kelly, Wendi Valenti, and Mary Lee Walter.

Minutes: Nancy English
The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Bakula
Paula had previously emailed the EAC a copy of the treasurer's report. As of this point in April, FCC had collected \$3000 in dues. Her estimate was that we would be able to award a little more than \$81,000 for this year's grants.

Corresponding Secretary: Barb Atteln
Barb had acknowledged four membership renewals this past month.

Communications: Joan Falk
Regarding the spring newsletter, in the absence of being able to include photographs taken at the Awards Celebration, screenshots could instead be made available. Wendi announced she had photographs from the Kinkel Center Open House held in March. Maggie suggested we include an article about the entire process used to select these awards, as well as one that focuses on the different personal reflections made during the meeting itself. Joan Falk suggested an article on the new Fontbonne mascot, including information about the specific physical features of the costume itself. There should be an introduction of Nancy Blattner to the FCC membership. Maggie suggested we include a little about the history and philosophy of FCC where the emphasis would be on the fact that it is a *women's* philanthropy; pictures of the five founders could be included.

Archives and History: Nancy English
Nancy had no report.

Awards: Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter
Mary Lee explained that she and Susan would read the announcement of the individual awards at the Celebration. They planned to have accompanying PowerPoint slides for each of the individual winners. This was still a work in progress.

Mary Lee announced that the summer tour of the campus had been cancelled due to older people's uneasiness with the Coronavirus. There was talk about possibly doing a virtual tour of the campus, but Mary Lee was afraid that such a tour would look sophomoric in that we have no access to a professional film maker.

Barb Atteln: Bylaws

Barb had nothing new to report.

Membership: JoAnn Donovan (not in attendance)

Maggie Fowler gave the report in JoAnn's absence. She reminded EAC that Carol Sestric had agreed to take over the Prayer Connection and as such, Carol will draft a letter to go out to the membership explaining the purpose and workings of the newly revitalized Prayer Connection. Carol's goal is to improve the attitude and cohesiveness of the FCC membership. Joan Falk suggested this be made into a newsletter article.

It had been thought we would try to reach out to those members who had not voted in this year's grant selection in order to just touch base. Joan Kelly suggested we wait a bit on this.

It was noted that the CSJs were very cloistered at this time of Coronavirus. It was decided it was not necessary for Barb to send a note from the FCC to them.

FCC Liaison: Wendi Valenti

Wendi explained that the employees in Advancement were using this time to actively calling on donors.

NEW BUSINESS

Joan Falk had seen a crystal, fleur-de-lis paper weight for sale on Etsy for approximately \$50. It was agreed this would be a nice gift for the Pressimones to thank them both for what they have done for Fontbonne and more specifically, for their unwavering support of the FCC. Joan Kelly announced that he had officially resigned on April 3, and since his children were no longer attending their schools in a face-to-face manner, they decided to go ahead and move to Cleveland, where he will be taking over as President of Notre Dame College. She suggested we send this gift to him as soon as possible.

The luncheon with Nancy Blattner that had been scheduled for April 16th, was cancelled.

Regarding the Awards Celebration to be conducted via Zoom, Joan Kelly announced Kay Barnes would not be speaking as had been originally indicated on the agenda for the program. Wendi explained her mental picture of how this would work. As members enter the meeting, she will assign them to different waiting rooms of approximately 10 people, each waiting room will be headed by one to three EAC members. The underlying purpose for these groups would be to encourage welcoming chit-chat with a limited number of people, much as one would do if physically attending such a meeting. If members enter the meeting via audio only, Wendi will replace their phone numbers on the screen with their names so that they can be identified by others. Wendi will control when the breakouts end and the actual program begins, while also

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ensuring everyone is muted to keep out distracting background noise originating from members' individual homes. Joan Kelly said she would send her PowerPoint slides to Wendi. A rehearsal for the Celebration was scheduled for 9:00 am on Wednesday April 15. The two technology-practice sessions for Zoom newbies have been scheduled for Thursday, April 16, and Friday, April 17, at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm respectively.

What follows is the proposed agenda for the Awards Celebration, scheduled for April 18, at 9:00 am:

8:30 – 9:00	Social Time in Individual Breakout Rooms
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome from FCC Chair, Joan Kelly
9:05 – 9:10	Opening Prayer, Chancellor Barbara Jennings, CSJ
9:10 – 9:15	Recognition of Dr. and Mrs. Pressimone
9:15 – 10:00	Announcement of 13 th Cycle of Awards, Susan Lenihan and Mary Lee Walter
10:00 – 10:05	Champagne Toast, Sr. Donna Gunn, CSJ
10:05 – 10:25	Member Reflections
10:25 – 10:35	Expression of Gratitude to Committees/Officers/Members and Wrap Up, Joan Kelly
10:35 – 10:40	Group Picture via Screen Shots on Zoom

The meeting was adjourned. (I forgot to record the time at which this meeting ended – too much Covid-19 brain addling.)

Respectfully submitted by Nancy English, Recording Secretary.