

**PBOC CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB  
APRIL 3, 2014 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

**The meeting was called to order by President Marcia Boyer.** Terry Furfaro led us in the EAS Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Morris informed the President we do have a quorum.

**Secretary/Correspondence - Jann Walker**

Marcia read a thank you note received from Jann for the get well card received from the WC for her fractured wrist.

**Minutes** - The President asked for any questions or corrections and Jann Walker noted two errors she had discovered. Two last names in the March 6<sup>th</sup> GM minutes were misspelled and will be corrected to: Wilma Ervin and Vittoria Rocca. Linda Caswell was first to make a motion that the March 6, 2014 GM minutes be accepted as corrected for file. It was seconded and carried.

**Financial Report - Rosemary Plesha**

Rosemary presented the February Treasurer's Report as follows:

Beginning ledger balance: \$27,680.00

Total inflows: \$9,093.28

Total outflows: \$1,992.40

Ledger balance as of 2/28/14: \$34,782.38.

This was a very gratifying ledger balance for the WC. One question was asked by Jessica Dezendorf. She inquired if the income from the Fashion Show baskets was included. Rosemary explained that not all income from the March FS is included in the February TR. A motion was made by Pam Bilella to accept the February TR as written for audit; seconded by Barbara Fuller and carried.

**Reports**

**Vice President/Program Chair - Joyce Robertson**

**The EAS Plaque Dedication will be held May 11, 2014 after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.** Joyce encouraged everyone to please plan to attend and wear red.

**The June Luncheon will be at Pawleys Plantation on June 5.** Joyce read the menu choices and explained the cost is \$20.00. Sign up sheets are here today and will be at the May GM as well.

**The Summerville Trip** was cancelled because there were not enough sign ups.

**Financial Secretary/Terry Furfaro** - No report.

**Parliamentarian - Gloria Davitt** - No report

**Special Committee Reports**

**Fashion Show - Carole Kaczynski and Carol Steinis** - Carol Steinis began by thanking everyone for making this year's FS such a success. The FS profit for 2014 was \$12,258.00; and \$6,028.00 profit from the raffle. She again thanked everyone involved, all the helpers and volunteers and even attendees for the success of the Fashion Show. The Prize Patrol did an excellent job. The program cover design by Yvonne Chadwick was beautiful and she is framing it!

**Hope Ball - Jessica Dezendorf** - The date is May 9, 2014. Please sign up if you would like to help.

**ACF October 24 & 25, 2014 - Pat Farkas** reported they are "up and running". Close to 120 vendor letters were sent out March 25<sup>th</sup> and they have received about 15 responses. Added to our pre-registered vendors we are up to 40 registered vendors already. Pilar is doing casseroles again. Kathy and Sue will be doing the books.

**JOY School - Linda Caswell** - She thanked everyone who signed up to help this year. The dates are June 24 - 27. Linda could use one more person for June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Voices for Children - Yvonne Chadwick** announced that the Director from Voices for Children is so appreciative of our generosity from last year. This resulted in no need for a collection for this year. We can address this again next year.

**Scholarship** - Marcia reported that there were only 3 applicants this year so a random drawing will be done between the Parish, Knights of Columbus and the Women's Club.

**Nominations** - Marcia informed the membership that there will not be a slate presented today. It will be mailed to everyone prior to the May GM.

**Grants - Joan Brown and Marianne Anderson reported for Chair, Luciann Slomkowski today.** Marcia

explained that this year we will present the charities requesting a Grant one by one and then vote on the Grants package in total. The committee members were: Luciann Slomkowski, Chair; Wilma Ervin; Marianne Anderson; Joan Brown, and Sherry Marnell. (Please see attached Grants Award Requests Summary Sheet presented by Joan Brown).

Joan Brown stated the total of 2014 Grants approved by the Grants Committee totals: \$22,700.00 (plus the International Project \$250.00). Copies were handed out to the membership. Marcia asked for any questions or comments. Judy Zachar commended the Grants Committee for an excellent job and everyone who helped with the fundraisers this year that gave us the money to help these community charities and their good work. It is also very gratifying that St. Cyprian's can be given a generous Grant this year.

Bernice Rucker asked if money from Grants will be given to our parish? Yes. This is supported by the Diocese of Charleston and is included in our Grants every year. Jessica Dezendorf asked what amount will be given to the parish. Per Marcia, \$3,000.00 is already set aside. It will be finalized at the next Board meeting. Father Pat is very pleased with the efforts of the Women's Club to help the community charities and our parish and is appreciative of whatever we can do in contributing to PBOC parish.

Linda Caswell asked if any Grant request was turned down. Yes, one received from Carolina Reinvestment Group for a project entitled: Amichi Program. This is primarily a mentor program in Georgetown. They requested \$2500.00. Although it was felt they are a legitimate organization, we did not receive enough information on what their program has done and the corresponding results. The committee has sent them a letter explaining they can be considered at some time in the future and gave them guidance on the information they should include in the future.

Barbara Fuller commented that our 2014 Grants that help women and children of our community makes her very proud to be a part of this Women's Club. Pat Farkas made a motion to accept the Grants Committee's recommended Awards for 2014. Judy Zachar seconded and the motion carried.

#### **Appointed Officers' Reports**

**Spiritual Facilitator - Andrea Marchal - The re-dedication of the EAS Plaque will be Sunday, May 11 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We (WC) are providing all the ministers for the Mass. We will need 2 lectors; 3 Eucharistic Ministers; 2 altar servers and 2 greeters. Please sign up if you can help.

**On May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 5:00 p.m. Mass our new 2014-15 Officers will be installed.** The WC is again providing all the ministers for this Mass. We need 1 lector; 2 Eucharistic Ministers; a server and 3 greeters. Sign up sheets are here today. Any special intentions should be given to her today also.

**Membership - Kathy Morris** - We have a new member here today, Barbara Gagne. Welcome Barbara!

Kathy is hosting a new member brunch at her home on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. New directories have been emailed and copies are also here today to be picked up.

**Ways & Means - Jan Frieden** - Jan was greeted by applause for the successful Soda Bread Sale. She reported we made \$687.00 and ran out of bread to sell. We had about \$20.00 in expenses.

**May 3 is the Spring Belk Sale.** You can get your tickets (5.00) today and also at the May GM. We made \$200 at the fall Belk sale. Rosemary Plesha wanted everyone to know how great this opportunity is. It costs us nothing and you can save a lot of money on your Belk purchases. It's actually a good idea to buy several \$5 tickets. Buy \$50 worth of coupons - it's a great deal for you and we make more money! You can also pre-shop and pick up your merchandise on Saturday.

#### **Standing Committees**

**Refreshments - Carole Kaczynski and Barbara Fuller** - (See attached report). The May 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner/meeting from 4 - 6:30 p.m. in the PLC. Those with last names from A - M are to bring appetizers and hors d'oeuvres; N - Z are to bring desserts. Pam Bilella reminded everyone that our cookbook has some excellent recipes we could use for the Pot Luck dinner.

**Newsletter - Bernice Rucker** - May 13 is the deadline to submit articles to Bernice for the May WC newsletter.

**Sunshine - Clare Binkowski** - N/A. Marcia informed us of the sad news that Helen and Al Salemme's daughter passed away.

**Pennies from Heaven - Judy Modica** reported she deposited \$28.20 today. Since October 2013 she has deposited a total of \$192.06. Judy thanked everyone very much for their pennies. They add up!

**Publicity** - N/A

**Historian/Archives - Patty Chiappetta** - No report.

**Special Projects Support - Cathy Bergeron and Denise Lee** - No report.

**Photography - Eileen Birchenough /Yvonne Chadwick** announced that the photo album is here today for all to look at.

**Bulletin - Patty Guazzo** - She has just completed updating new email addresses in the parish directory.

**Calling Committee - Pat Farkas** - No report.

**Sister-to-Sister - Joyce Robertson** - No report.

**Chit Chat - Nancy Szarowicz** - This month Chit Chat will be held in the PLC, Room 2 at 5:00 p.m. Pottery Barn is expected to demonstrate home decorating. Bring your own wine.

**Social Group - Judy Zachar** - The group saw the movie *Son of God* last month and it was very good.

They will not get together in April but will resume in May. Judy will announce the May outing details later.

**Pot of Gold Refreshment Fund - Eileen Topor** - We collected \$62.00 today. Eileen was the winning ticket. Since she had won before, Eileen graciously donated her winnings to our charities.

**Mystery Gift - Pauline Becker** - The gift was a certificate to Pawleys Island Bakery. Eileen Topor won this too! We also had a drawing for the Kitty Cleveland CD, which Gloria Davitt won, and an umbrella from the Council of Catholic Women which Pilar Carboni won. These gifts were from the recent Convention in Hilton Head.

### Unfinished (Old) Business

**Projects Pending: Display Case, Reliquary and PBOC YCWC** - It was decided to table these discussions for a while. Formation committees will need to be established.

**Parish Lenten Series Luncheon** - Marcia thanked the ladies who helped set up and serve this luncheon on March 26, 2014. It was very lovely and well received by the community.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting** - This 4:00 pm Pot Luck supper will be under the direction of Carole Kaczynski, Refreshment Committee..

### New Business/Announcements

**Meet the Sisters will be this Saturday following 8:30 a.m. Mass.** The parish has arranged for a breakfast. Please come and meet Sr. Josephine as she receives recognition for her *Sister of the Year* award.

### **Amendments - Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-laws-**

#### **Article III Membership:**

Marcia read the proposed amendment (see attached). A discussion ensued from the floor with regards to this new proposal in which members of PBOC CWC will no longer be required to be a registered member of our parish. The reason is we have part time people who we do not want to close out of participating in our WC. Several members did not agree with this, even though you must be a registered member of a Catholic parish to join our WC. .Some were of the opinion that you should be a registered member of PBOC to join our WC. All input was discussed prior to a vote being cast and postponing the vote was also discussed, however, after further discussion it was decided to present Amendment III Membership to a vote today.

It was pointed out that the Board and Father Pat both support this amendment. We do not want to close out part time or dual-registered people and/or make them feel unwelcome. They should also be allowed to chair a committee if they have a desire to chair a committee. Another possible outcome that would be very positive is that this proposed change might lead to part-time visitors to PBOC actually joining our parish. Also, we would not solicit members of other Catholic churches and no major, formal announcement would go out. It would be communicated in our church bulletin in the WC section. This amendment also states they (WC members registered to another Catholic parish), could be appointed as a Committee Chairperson.

Suzanne Harris shared her view that being open to all Catholic women is the Christian thing to do and politics should not transcend this. As an example, monies raised for our Grants is often done by Catholic women not registered at PBOC. Let's be open to all Catholic women to do God's work.

It was decided to vote on the proposed Amendment III Membership. The motion carried by majority standing in favor, some opposed, 3 abstained.

#### **New By-Law Article VIII (see attached):**

Marcia read the By-Law Article VIII proposed amendment. She pointed out Fr. Pat approved the ACF Pot of Gold (one-half of our proceeds), go to the parish in lieu of the usage fee.

Jessica questioned the dollar amount the WC President can issue without approval of the WC membership. Marcia

pointed out this rarely occurs and would like the amendment voted upon as written. Regina Wichrowski made a motion to accept the proposed amended Article VIII Allocation of PBOC CWC Finances as presented today. Mary Sullivan seconded and the motion carried.

**Lunafest - This is a fundraiser sponsored by Lunabar.com.** The event is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Waccamaw High School and includes short movies and speakers. This is to benefit women's issues and is held in conjunction with the Family Justice Center. Tickets are \$20.00 adults and \$10.00 students.

#### **Deanery/Councils of Catholic Women**

**State Convention - Hilton Head** - Marcia and Judy Zachar attended and enjoyed the atmosphere and spirituality of the Convention. Judy is Family Concerns Chair of the State Executive Board.

Next year's convention is in Greenville. We hope more from the WC will think about attending next March and the new Executive Board members too.

#### **President's Remarks:**

Marcia thanked the Executive Board for including her in the Honors & Memorials at the convention. She will be Vice President of the Deanery this coming year. Congratulations Marcia! The Pee Dee Deanery had several award winners this year. Sr. Josephine's award was a very special recognition.

Important Legislation - Marcia asked Judy Zachar to make an announcement for Ruthann Howard who had to leave. Judy told us about an important issue to vote on in November. At the present time, raffles are illegal in South Carolina. It would be beneficial to our organization if we vote in November FOR charity raffles to become legal. Please watch for this.

Our Women's Club was the recipient of the "Silver Punch Bowl" (shown to us today). We are the #1 Affiliate in the State for "Most Increased Membership" so we were awarded the Silver Punch Bowl for this year. This award has been awarded since approximately 1984, maybe earlier. We should be very proud of PBOCWC and Marcia thanked everyone for making us an excellent Women's Club.

**Upcoming Tea at St. Cyprian's Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the social hall.** Please attend if possible, especially if you haven't had the opportunity to visit St. Cyprian's

**Fr. Pentis Memorial Scholarship** - This is for graduating female High School Senior - April. 15 is the deadline to apply. Applications available.

**State Retreat at The Oratory in Rock Hill on October 11 - 13, 2014.** Father Fabio, our Spiritual Advisor, will be available for spiritual guidance, Mass and confession. Information is in the back. Cost is \$450, which includes some meals and admissions, and the motor coach.

#### **Meetings**

Board Meeting - April 24, 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting - May 1, 2014 4:00 pm.

First Friday - April 4, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Closing Prayer and Intentions - Andrea Marchal**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jann Walker*

Secretary

Attachments: February 2014 Treasurer's Report, Refreshment Committee Report, 2014 Grants Award Requests Summary Sheet, Proposed Changes to Constitution & By-Laws, Article III Membership, Article VIII Allocation of PBOC CWC Finances