

**PBOC CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
MAY 1, 2014 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
PARISHLIFE CENTER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Marcia Boyer. Eloise Temple led us in the EAS Opening Prayer and Terry Furfaro led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Morris confirmed that we do have a quorum to conduct the meeting. Marcia asked Kathy the exact number of members signed in, which is required because of the voting that will take place today on the slate of nominees for 2014-15 Executive Board and proposed new By Law Article VIII (Finance) and proposed change to Constitution Article III (Membership). (All 3 attached). Kathy reported we had 58 sign ins, which later was updated to an official total of 59 Women's Club members signed in for the meeting today.

President Marcia Boyer took a few moments for some opening remarks. She said that although she is aware our meetings are long, she would like to send us off with these thoughts and read a prayer to Our Heavenly Father expressing good works, gratitude for our Catholic sisters, the joy of knowing our living and departed sisters and other inspiring words embracing the unity and friendship we enjoy with our Catholic sisters.

Secretary/Correspondence - Jann Walker

There was no correspondence to report today.

Minutes - The President asked if there were any questions or corrections to the April 3rd GM minutes. Jann reported 3 corrections - (1) Barbara Call seconded the motion to approve the March 6th GM minutes; not Barbara Fuller. (2) Patty Guazzo updated her personal email address, not everyone's email address. If you have information from the WC for the church bulletin be sure to get her new email address.

(3) First Friday should be May 2, 2014.

A motion was made to approve the minutes and seconded by Vittoria Rocca and carried.

Financial Report - Terry Furfaro

Terry reported for Rosemary Plesha today. The March Treasurer's report is as follows:

Beginning Balance: \$34,781.38

Total Inflows: \$8,766.75

Total Outflows: \$11,124.54

Ending Balance: \$32,423.59

Linda Caswell asked if we voted last year on the ACF Pot of Gold donation to the Parish. Per Marcia, yes, last fall it was voted up to \$695.00

A motion was made to accept the March TR for audit, seconded by Luciann Slomkowski and carried.

Elections

Nominating Committee - Ruthann Howard

The nominating committee presented each candidate and asked them to stand as their bio and qualifications were read.

The 2014-15 Slate is as follows:

Joan Brown, President (bio by Judy Zachar)

Marianne Anderson (bio by Judy Zachar)

Louanna Sowa, Secretary (bio by Vittoria Rocca)

Rosemary Plesha, Incumbent Treasurer (bio by Vittoria Rocca)

Pilar Carboni, Financial Secretary (bio by Vittoria Rocca)

Chair Ruthann Howard asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Each position was named specifically and no nominations were forthcoming, so Ruthann announced nominations closed and tellers passed out and collected ballots.

Amendments - Marcia Boyer

Marcia addressed the General Meeting of April 3. While it has been said we had 205 members at one time, that was an all time high achieved in 2010. However, several families left the Parish at that time so our membership number since that time has hovered at about 180 and that is something we should be proud of,

as well as pride for the numerous awards we have received , including the “Most Increased Membership” award we received from the Deanery this year. At last month’s meeting the amendments presented had been worked on diligently by the Executive Board. The new By Law Article VIII Allocation of PBOCCWC Finances is much needed and again, the Executive Board worked diligently on it. Often there is not a full Executive Board available to make a quick decision on expenditures. As changes come into our lives like Internet, e-communications, etc., a lot of changes and additions will be necessary from time to time.

It was disheartening to hear some of the things said, the constant chatter and the meeting getting out of control. Marcia apologized for letting this happen and also for making a mistake. It was a procedural error to vote on the Article III Membership proposed change at the April 3, 2014 General Meeting because a proposal such as a change in the By Laws should be proposed at one General Meeting and voted on at the next. Therefore, the vote was null and void.

With regard to Article VIII, Marcia stated she would like to make a wording change. One-half the proceeds would mean one-half of what was “not given away”. The tellers passed out the proposed Amendment and By Law change. Some questions were posed:

(1) What do we usually make from the ACF Pot of Gold? Answer (Marcia): It varies every year. Father Pat is aware it will vary from year to year. Last year \$1,675.00 was collected, so ½ of that total went to the Parish.

(2) (Yvonne Chadwick) New people here today might not understand this issue, so she asked it be clarified and Marcia re-capped it for them.

(3) (Linda Caswell) Maybe we should vote on this next year because of confusion on wording. It was decided to vote today. This was presented at last month’s GM. Wording suggested by Carole Kaczynski was accepted so it will now read: “One-half of the total amount of the Pot of Gold from the Arts & Crafts Fair shall be donated to PBOCCC to cover the yearly expense for the use of the Parish Life Center”.

(4) (Linda Caswell) If you are a committee chair and attend the Board meeting can you vote? Answer: Yes, while your committee is active and you are present at the Board meeting. In the case of Co-Chairs, if both are at a meeting, only one can vote.

The tellers presented the voting tallies for the election of officers to President Marcia Boyer. The slate of nominees for 2014-15 PBOCCWC officers were elected unanimously. They stood again to applause from the membership.

Reports

Vice President/Program Chair - Joyce Robertson

The May 11 EAS Plaque Dedication is all set to go. This time we will meet outside and not in the foyer. Pews are reserved so have your family sit on one side so you can join them if you wish because it is Mother’s Day. Remember to wear red.

June 5th luncheon sign up sheets are here today. Please select your menu choice. \$20.00 inclusive and she’s collecting today. It will be held at Pawleys Plantation at noon.

Financial Secretary/Terry Furfaro - No report.

Parliamentarian/Gloria Davitt - No report.

Special Committee Reports

Hope Ball - Kathy Morris reported the date is May 9th. It will be held in the PLC. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help. Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. if greeting. If you volunteered to decorate Kathy or Jessica will call you about the time.

Membership - Kathy Morris reported our membership is now 179. We had 20 new members for the year. We have a new member, Cherrin Moore. Kathy is hoping to have a welcome brunch in the fall. If you need a new prayer card or EAS metal they are available for \$2.50. If you need a new nametag see Sherry Marnell.

Arts & Craft Festival - Eloise Temple and Pat Farkas - Eloise thanked the committee chairs who have agreed to help next year: Kathy Knittel, Sue Rovner, Jessica Dezendorf, Marcia Boyer, Pilar Carboni, Denise Lee and Linda Cimadon will help with publicity. 40 vendors have signed up and entries are still coming in. Sign up sheets will come out in September so be thinking of what you can do.

JOY School - Linda Caswell & Pilar Carboni - They will call and remind volunteers before the event.

Scholarship - The scholarship winner has been chosen and will be announced after the student is informed. There were only 3 applicants this year.

Grants - Luciann Slomkowski - They have determined that a minor change in a few of the amounts of the Grants should be made so we will be voting only on those changes today. The total amount available is \$22,700.00. In order to give our Parish \$3,000, we would like to change as follows: Diabetes Core Group - Now \$900; was \$1,000; FJC (2 Grants awarded) Now \$2400.00 each; was \$2500.00 each; Smith Clinic Now \$1500.00; was \$2500.00.

Luciann commended her team for their good work. Only one Grant request was turned down. Marcia asked for a motion to accept the above-mentioned changes in the amounts originally specified in the Grants' documents. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

Appointed Officers' Reports

Spiritual Facilitator - Eloise Temple/Andrea Marchal - Eloise re-capped what is still needed for the upcoming Masses. For the May 11 EAS Plaque Dedication Mass at 10:30, she needs a greeter. For the May 31 Installation Mass she needs 2 greeters. If you have any special intentions you can still sign up and we will remember them in our end of meeting prayer.

Ways & Means - Jan Frieden reported the Belk Charity Sale is this weekend. Tickets are \$5.00. We keep the \$5.00 and you get \$5.00 off your purchase. Jan expressed her appreciation for all the help and support she has been given this year for Ways & Means efforts and fundraising.

Standing Committees

Refreshments - Carole Kaczynski thanked everyone who brought food today. Report attached.

Newsletter - Bernice Rucker reported it will come out before Memorial Day. Deadline for submissions is May 13.

Bereavement - Gloria Davitt & Lillian Szabo - No report.

Sunshine - Clare Binkowski - No report.

Pennies from Heaven - Judy Modica reported she deposited \$30.14 this month from Pennies from Heaven. This is a very good deposit for one month.

Historian/Archives - Patty Chiappetta. Patty actually had a fun surprise report today. She opened the floor to several who wanted to share with us their personal experience getting to know our President, Marcia Boyer. Carol Steinis thanked Marcia for her help with the minutes when Carol accepted the Secretary position. Apparently Marcia's help was quite needed! Carol Kaczynski recalled a moment at the ACF she would always remember when Marcia commented "it's just so wonderful seeing everyone co-mingle". She commented that she agrees Marcia has been a tremendous leader as many expressed today.

Barbary Dymond recalled at the ACF she co-chaired, a woman insisted on a certain location and was quite adamant. Barbara got Marcia out of the kitchen to help her and she has always been grateful that Marcia handled this very difficult situation. Then she got to know her even better at a Chit Chat. "Many thanks" to Marcia for her 4 years as our President.

Bernice Rucker started by saying "Thank You". Marcia once asked her if she would like to organize or chair the luncheons. She has made special friends by getting involved and thanks Marcia for asking her to get involved. Marcia has brought the Women's Club to new levels and she appreciates her so much.

Patty Chiappetta recalled the 2010 Fashion Show. Apparently they cut the "Little Black Dress" for 320 programs! It's another one of those "moments" she will never forget

Marcia commented that this has been a joy and she has been blessed to come to know so many amazing women. She sometimes wonders why she has been so blessed and maybe she was "just at the right place at the right time".

Special Projects Support - Cathy Bergeron/Denise Lee - No report.

Photography - Yvonne Chadwick/Eileen Birchenough - Yvonne said there are pictures on the back table that you may pick up if you'd like them. The album is there as well.

Sister to Sister - Joyce Robertson - No report.

Chit Chat - Nancy Szarowicz - One-half who signed up for last month did not attend. Pottery Barn did not come but maybe will at a later date. We had free appetizers from Pawleys Island Bakery. This month Chit

Chat will be at Webster's, May 8th at 5:00. Please sign up or let her know you'll be coming.

Announcement: The Serendipity Singers will present "Cole Porter to Disney" at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside this Sunday.

Social Group - Judy Zachar - Wednesday May 14th they will meet at noon at the PLC. Lunch at Capt. Johns followed by Murrells Inlet movie. Vittoria will take your calls if you want to go as Judy will be out of town until the 13th. Transportation provided from the PLC.

Pot of Gold - Eileen Topor - \$52.00 collected today. Luciann was the winner.

Mystery Gift - Pauline Becker. Pauline told us the gift was from Belk's. Suzanne Harris won the gift.

Tellers for the Constitution & By Law Proposed Changes submitted the following tallies.

Article VIII Allocation of PBOC CWC Finances

2 Illegal

53 Yes

1 No

3 Abstain

Article III Membership

1 Illegal

41 Yes

10 Opposed

7 Abstain

Article VIII for Finance was passed and Article III for Membership also passed with 41 votes.

Unfinished (Old) Business

Projects Pending: Display Case, reliquary and PBOC YCWC. Will need a Chairperson/Committee.

Lunafest - Ruthann explained this is a fundraiser for FJC tomorrow at Waccamaw H.S. Reception 5:30 and short films by women and about women. \$20.00 adults; \$10.00 students.

Friends of Vincent/St. Cyprian's Catholic Church Tea Monday at 2:00 p.m. to raise money for their Outreach Center. Call and let them know if you plan to attend.

New Business/Announcements

This being the last business meeting of 2014-15 - No new business.

Deanery/Councils of Catholic Women

A Deanery Mass and meeting is coming up in June. Marcia will email the date.

October 16-19 Pilgrimage trip to EWTN Mass, \$100 deposit by June 1. Cost is \$450.00 which includes hotel, some meals, admissions and transportation.

State Retreat at The Oratory in Rock Hill on October 11-13, 2014.

Meetings

Board Meeting - May 29, 2014 9:00 a.m.

General Meeting - June 5th Luncheon at Pawleys Plantation, Noon

First Friday - June 6, 2014; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer and Intentions - Eloise Temple

Special Announcement - Patty Chiappetta. Please gather for a champagne toast to our President Marcia Boyer for her leadership and friendship these past 4+ years. The meeting was adjourned for a wonderful Pot Luck Supper complete with wine and champagne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jann Walker

Secretary

Attachments: March 2014 Treasurer's Report, Refreshment Committee Report, Proposed Changes to Constitution and By Laws: Article VIII Allocation of PBOC CWC Finances and Article III Membership