

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 4, 2014
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by President Joan Brown. Kathy Morris confirmed that we did have a quorum to conduct the meeting.

President Joan Brown welcomed the ladies and shared that we had seven new members. She elaborated on the history of the Women's Club at Precious Blood of Christ Church. She told the members that this was our 28th year. Joan went on to list several past presidents of the club and thanked them for their service.

Ellen Thoeness, Spiritual Advisor, spoke about our Mantra this year, "Women Making a Difference." She reminded the members that each one of us can make a difference in the lives of those that need our help; especially those in abusive situations. She then led us in prayer reciting the prayer to Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Pilar Carboni led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary – Correspondence/Minutes – Louanna Sowa

Louanna explained that the Correspondence would no longer be read, but that it would be posted on the bulletin board for all to view at their leisure. She went on to thank the ladies for supporting her in her duties as secretary.

The minutes of June 5, 2014 were approved and stand as read.

President's Report – Joan M. Brown

Joan told the members the new mantra for the club is "Women Making a Difference." Joan will be emailing the agenda to every member who has email before every General Meeting. If a person does not have email, they can pick up the hard copy of the agenda on the table when they enter the meeting. These copies are only for members who do not have email.

The Committee Reports will be listed in the agenda by committees who have information to share. If a committee does not have a report to share, they will not be listed in the agenda.

If a member chooses not to use e-mail then it is their responsibility to acquire the minutes of the General Meetings. A Phone Tree will be set up for those members to communicate with each other concerning the contents of the minutes.

Activities – Speakers are being sought for our General Meetings. We hope to contact the organizations that receive the Grant Monies and have them come and speak about their organizations and how they use the monies awarded to them.

The Historian will compile a history archive of the Women’s Club and Scrapbook to be made available to members. Posted will be the biographies of our Executive Board and Committee Chairs. Our new website will feature the committees and share what they are doing. Joan added that by keeping members informed; the members will want to participate in the different activities that the club has to offer to them.

Joan called attention to the Bulletin Board that held the Thank You notes addressed to the club and the Scrapbook made by the children of St. Cyprian’s thanking the Women’s Club for the grant money awarded to their summer camp program.

Joan named the Committee Heads and gave a brief description of their duties.

Vice President’s Report – Marianne Anderson

(Marianne was absent and the Vice President’s report was given by Joan Brown)

Marianne thanked all the members who made the Welcome Tea such a grand success. Special recognition went to Suzanne Harris, (VP Special Committee for the Tea.) Suzanne along with her mother created the English Tea theme.

Trips: Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival/James Island Festival of Lights.
Suggested Dates: 11/17 through 11/21 and 11/28, 12/13. Sign Up sheets were available at the meeting.

Alabama Theater Christmas Show Matinee November 11, 2014...with dinner...carpooling. Sign Up sheet was available at meeting.

Communion Breakfast – 11/9 after 8:00 am Mass at Carefree Catering
Cost: \$15.00 per person and space is limited to 60 people.

Speaker: Michael Morris from Midway Fire and Rescue 11/6 at 11:45 a.m.

Other Speakers to be announced at a later date.

Treasurer's Report – Rosemary Plesha

The May and June Treasurer's Report was voted on and passed by the Board and then it was submitted for Audit in July. The Audit was met with great reviews. Report was recorded as read.

Budget was recorded as read. Discussion concerning money budgeted for Game Day expenses was held. A motion was made to accept the 2014/2015 Budget by Vittoria Rocca and seconded by Kathy Knittel. Budget was accepted.

Financial Report for June 30 through July 1 2014 was recorded as read. The changes in the Budget are reflected in the July Financial Report. Balance was \$6,528.81 in July. Financial Report was accepted.

Spiritual Facilitator Report – Ellen Thoennes

Special Dates to Remember: September 5, 2014 – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, September 10 or 11, 2014 – Bible Study, School of Prayer, November 9, 2014 - Communion Breakfast, and February 10, 2015 – Day of Prayer: “A Spiritual Journey.”

Special Committees

Arts and Crafts Festival Report - Eloise Temple and Pat Farkas

Pat Farkas was absent and Eloise introduced her by way of a photo. Eloise said we have 60 vendors as of September 3, 2014. She thanked Linda Caswell for the publicity for the festival and Carol Steinis for computer help for the Festival. The times slots for the Festival are Friday, October 24, 2014 from 10 am - 6 pm and Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9 am – 5 pm. She reminded volunteers to check with their committee heads to find out exactly what time they need to be present. She then introduced all the committee heads for the Festival who described the jobs the volunteers would be doing.

Linda Caswell, Publicity Chairperson, showed the Members the flyer we will be using to advertise the Festival and encouraged members to take and distribute them to local businesses.

Website – Jessica Dezendorf

Jessica handed out to all the members the instruction sheets to navigate the Women’s Club Website that was designed by Clem Thoennes. She went over the instructions with those present. She also informed the members of the many ways the Women’s Club information will be incorporated into the website.

Standing Committees

Membership – Kathy Morris and Sherry Marnell

The Membership Drive Goal is 200 members. At the time of the meeting Kathy had collected dues from 87 registered members to include seven new members who registered at the Welcome Tea. She introduced the new members to the current members. Kathy thanked members who had paid their dues and encouraged others to do so the day of the meeting or to drop their check in the mail. “Someone is Missing” post cards were mailed to 73 inactive members encouraging them to come back to the Women’s Club. New parishioners were contacted by phone and invited to attend the Welcome Tea. Name Tags can be ordered for \$10.00. The Membership Directory will be available on the website, but Kathy will still distribute a quarterly email version beginning in November.

Refreshments/Auction – Carole Kacynski, Debbie O’Brien, Marcia Boyer

Carole thanked the Executive Board for covering the cost of September’s Women’s Club Luncheon. She also thanked Max Goree from Pawleys Island Bakery and Pilar Carboni for their assistance with the Luncheon. Carole asked the members to sign up to volunteer for upcoming Women’s Club luncheons.

Carole informed the members that the Auction night is to be held Thursday, January 22, 2015 from 6 to 8 pm. All proceeds from the Auction will benefit Tidelands Hospice in Georgetown. She encouraged the members to sign up to help collect items January 21 between 12 to 3 pm that will be brought in for the Auction. She also asked for volunteers the day of the Auction. She reminded the members the Sign Up sheets for the Auction were available on the back table. She thanked the members for volunteering their time.

Newsletter – Bernice Rucker

(Bernice was absent. Joan gave the Newsletter report)

The sixteenth issue of the Women’s Club Newsletter, “The Messenger” was sent out. We have a couple of new columns that are being introduced, “Celebrating People” and “Wit and Wisdom from the Women’s Club.” Bernice asked the members to submit articles for the columns. Suzanne Harris wrote an article in “Celebrating People” entitled, “A look at Mary Shumpert.” Mary will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on October 19th. The other article was written by Sharon Roberts called “Tourist Eyes.” Joan shared that the Knights of Columbus at PBOC bestowed the honor of “Woman of the Year” on Suzanne Harris and the honor of “Family of the Year” on Pat and Ray Fargas. Joan said these women are examples of the club’s mantra, “Women Making a Difference.”

Sister to Sister – Joan Baker

Joan explained that this Women’s Club ministry is two years old. Their goal is to be there for women in the club in times of need in supplying meals, running errands, home visits, and making phone calls. Joan has four other members on her team and is looking for more volunteers. Contact Joan if you are interested in helping.

Pot of Gold – Pat Bowen

(Pat was absent and Eileen Toper filled in.)

The amount collected was \$73.00. Eileen's name was drawn and she insisted another name should be drawn. When the second name drawn was Eileen's the consensus of the club was that Eileen accept her prize. She did.

Mystery Gift – Sharon Roberts

Gift Certificate for a "Blessing Bracelet."

Sunshine Committee – Kathy Knittel and Nancy McMahon

PBOC Mass Cards – Barbara and Bob Morin for daughter-in-law Nancy Morin; Sympathy Cards – Uncle of Kathy Morris; Flowers – Barbara Fuller; and Get Well Cards – Pat Bowen's husband, Tom, Cherrin Moore, and Barbara Fuller.

Deanery Report – Ruth Ann Howard

PBOC Women's Club is a member of the Pee Dee Deanery as well as a member of the SC Council of Catholic Women. It was brought to the attention of the members that we as voters will be voting to amend the SC Constitution to allow charitable raffles that are at this time considered illegal.

Old Business – Joan M. Brown

It is recommended that the Reliquary be placed in the church and the funding come from the Pennies From Heaven Committee. Joan needs to meet with Father Pat concerning approval and placement of the Reliquary.

New Business – Joan M. Brown

Joan M. Brown introduced Jane Dolan who wants to start a Women's Club Golf League. Jane explained the particulars and asked for a show of hands on who would be interested in joining. After a question and answer session a motion was made by Regina Wichrowski and seconded by Linda Cimadon to allow PBOC Women's Club form a Golf League. The members voted to accept the Women's Golf League. All were in favor of the Womens Club having a Women's Club Golf League.

The Golf League is now part of the PBOC Women's Club.

Joan also told the members that the Knights of Columbus are interested in a Golf Tournament between the Knights and the members of the Women's Club. More information will be forthcoming.

Announcements:

The Arts and Crafts Festival and the Fashion Show are the two biggest fundraisers for the Club. Joan encourages the members to sign up for these two projects. The Chairs for the 2015 Fashion Show were introduced. They are Ellen Vignone, Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti, and Kathy Knittel. Reminder: First Friday Adoration is September 5, 2014 at 2:00 pm. President's new email is joanbrown26@sccoast.net
Next General Meeting is 10/02/2014. Next Executive Board Meeting is 09/25/2014

Out and About Group – Judy Zachar

Plans are underway to organize a “Movie and Lunch Bunch” on Wednesday, September 10. Members will meet at 11:45 at PLC and carpool to Captain John's Seafood Grill for lunch. Afterward members will carpool to Inlet Square Movie Theater to pick their choice of three movies being offered.

Chit Chat Group- Nancy Szarowicz

Third Wednesday of the month meetings are scheduled at 5 to 7 pm. This month's meeting will be at Websters. Nancy asks that you contact her ahead of time so that she has a head count.

Closing – Joan M. Brown

Adjourn

Respectively Submitted,

Louanna Sowa

