

Precious Blood of Christ  
Catholic Women's Club  
General Meeting  
October 2, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am on October 2, 2014 by President Joan M. Brown.

Joan welcomed the ladies and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Ellen Thoennes, the Spiritual Facilitator, led the ladies in prayer reciting the prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the prayer for victims of abuse.

Pilar Carboni, the Financial Secretary, led the ladies in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Joan asked Kathy Morris, the Membership Chairperson, if we had a Quorum. Kathy replied that we did.

**Minutes/Correspondence:**

Joan asked Louanna Sowa, Secretary, to speak about the September 4, 2014 Minutes from the General Meeting. Louanna stated the members who had email received the minutes prior to the October 2, 2014 General Meeting by email and those who do not have email picked up the September 4, 2014 minutes prior to the start of the October 2, 2014 meeting. She also told the members that they could access the minutes on the PBOC Woman's Club Website. Joan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes, none were stated and the minutes stood as read. Louanna informed the ladies that all correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board.

**Treasurer's Financial Report:**

Rose Mary Plesha, Treasurer, told the ladies that the Financial Report was being sent directly to them by email and that in the future it would be on the PBOC Women's Club Website. She told the ladies that hard copies of the Financial Report would be available at the meetings only to the ladies who do not have email. She gave the ladies directions on how

to access the website in order to view the Financial Report. The Balance for August was \$6,333.01. Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

**President's Report:**

Joan was pleased with the positive comments she heard after the September meeting in regards to the introduction of committee chairs and co-chairs; and the many activities the Women's Club offers.

She spoke about the upcoming Arts and Crafts Festival. She asked for help from the members and new members and encouraged all to get involved.

She shared comments made by Jane Dolan about the newly formed Women's Club Golf League that meets Wednesday afternoons at Litchfield Golf Club at 2:00 pm. Joan encouraged the ladies to participate.

She reminded the ladies that the month of January is designated for Women's Club members to serve the Father Pat's Soup Kitchen Saturday Breakfast from 8:30 am until 11:00 am at Founder's Hall. There are five Saturdays where Women's Club members may volunteer. She encouraged the ladies to sign up for the Saturday Breakfast. Joan shared a heartfelt story about a family she met while volunteering at Father Pat's Soup Kitchen.

Joan shared information from Marlene Grover from Grace Ministries who are looking for volunteer drivers. Joan directed the ladies to the Bulletin Board for more information.

Joan announced that Eileen Birchenough has agreed to chair the Photography Committee. Jessica Dezendorf has agreed to assist on this committee. Joan asked any lady who would be interested in helping on this committee to contact her after the meeting.

Joan introduced a new seating arrangement at the lunch, after the meeting, to encourage communication with the members while eating. Members were to pick a number and sit at the table designated by that number during lunch.

**Vice-President's Report:**

Marianne Anderson, Vice-President, told the ladies that the Communion Breakfast would be held at Carefree Catering after the Women's Club Mass on November 9, 2014. The cost for the Breakfast is \$15.00 per person. The space is limited to 60 people. She said she would accept reservations by email or phone and also after the meeting. The speaker for the Breakfast will be Vickie Bourus from The Family Justice Center.

Marianne reminded the ladies that "The Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon and Show" is to be held November 11, 2014. The Luncheon will be held at Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort at 11:30 am and the show will be at Alabama Theater to follow at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$55.00 per person. She told the ladies that they could carpool.

The Mepkin Abby Creche Festival and James Island Festival of Lights will be held on December 3, 2014. Space is limited to 57 people at a cost of \$28.00 a person. There was a sign up sheet for the trip and members can pay at the November Women's Club Meeting.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held December 4, 2014 at Austin's Ocean One. The cost is \$24.00 per person and the doors open at 11:30 am. Members are asked to bring a gift to donate to The Family Justice Center for their clients. Flyers with menu choices and gift suggestions were at the ticket sales table.

The speaker for the October meeting was Anne Faul, Director of the Smith Clinic. November's Speaker will be Michael Morris from Midway Fire and Rescue.

**Spiritual Facilitator Report:**

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, reminded the ladies of the following special dates: Friday, October 3 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Saturday, October 4 – Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, November 9 – Communion Breakfast following the 8:00 am mass. Ministers have been assigned for the mass and the Prayer of the Faithful will be given by Judy Zachar and will focus on women, Tuesday February 10 – Day of Prayer "A Spiritual Journey" is being organized.

Our theme this year is “Women Who Make a Difference.” Mary Kinzie spoke on the Usher Ministry and invited members to volunteer to serve. Ellen told the ladies that the prayer before meals would be said together at the end of the meeting.

**Arts and Crafts Festival Report:**

Pat Farkas and Eloise Temple Chairpersons. Pat thanked all who had agreed to help with the Arts and Crafts Festival. She asked those who had not signed up to help to please consider volunteering. She told the ladies that she needed one or two warming trays and wine donations. She said that they needed 100 cassaroles made and encouraged the ladies to pick up the cassarole tins after the meeting. Also needed is help selling tickets for “The Pot of Gold” and help at the Prize Table. She asked for male volunteers to help put up the signs advertising the festival as well as to take them down after the Festival. Eloise reminded the ladies to wear red tops and khaki bottoms the days they volunteered. Eloise said they could drop of the cassaroles and baked goods Thursday, Friday morning, and Saturday morning.

**Web Site Report:**

Jessica Dezendorf told the ladies that the website is a great tool in getting the word out about the Women’s Club. She said that that Club Activities have been added to the website. You can browse the website for information on what the various committees are doing. You can find members phone numbers as well as the Women’s Club calendar on the website. Those members who participate in certain ministries can click on the individual ministry and enter their personal information. She told the ladies she would be happy to help them learn how to navigate the website. She encouraged them to contact her if they have any questions.

**Auction Report:**

Carole Kaczynski thanked the members for volunteering for the Auction on January 22, 2015. She told the ladies the proceeds from the Auction benefit Tideland Hospice. She encouraged the ladies to start gathering items they wish to donate for the Auction and to bring them to the PLC on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. No items will be accepted the night of the Auction. Examples of items to be donated are new or slightly used items such as Christmas gifts you want to re-gift, jewelry, household items, dishes, kitchen items, games, exercise equipment, toys, etc.

Please do not donate clothing, books, CD's, computers, or Christmas decorations! Carole thanked the ladies for their support.

**Refreshment Report:**

Carole Kaczynski spoke on behalf of Marcia Boyer, Debbie O'Brien, and herself to thank Carol Steinis, Linda Cimadon, and Eileen Topor for volunteering and coming up with the menu for the October Lunch. Carole also thanked Lorraine Wamser, Debbie Clatterbuck, Anna Marie Tonizzo, Claire Turner and Deanna Smith who also helped with the Lunch. The menu was Cream Cheese Noodle Kugel, cranberry salad, tossed salad, dinner roll, apple pie, apple cake, and assorted desserts. She encouraged members to sign up to volunteer for the months of November, March, and May.

**Fashion Show Report:**

Joan presented the report and shared that plans for the Fashion Show will be shared at the November meeting. Kathy Knittel, Ellen Vignone, and Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti Co-chairs encourage the members to sign up for this major fund-raiser.

**Membership Report:**

Kathy Morris, Chairperson, shared that 143 members have paid their dues to date. She posted the names of the 18 new members on the Bulletin Board. Kathy welcomed two new members – Rita Martino and Beverly Bellivearr at the meeting.

She said that email was sent to all renewed members to date with website address and member login. She informed the ladies if they have not received this information it means either she doesn't have a correct email address or the member has not paid their dues.

She reminded the ladies that the membership directory is on the website and that contact information for all members is readily available to all registered members. She said the Directories will be mailed out before the November meeting so the members can print it out if they prefer.

For those who do not use email, a phone tree will be established in order to get information. There will be one central person that all Chairs will contact if a message is to be started. Each person on the phone tree will then call two others on the chain. This information has been drafted and will be finalized and sent out to those who qualify before the November meeting by mail on the condition that the individual's dues have been recorded as paid.

**Ways and Means Report:**

Carol Steinis and Denise Lee - Co-Chairs of Ways and Means. Carol told the ladies that the Belk Charity Day Sale is Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Inlet Square Mall. This is a private sale from 6-10 pm. Special discounts and sales will be given on that day (brands usually not on sale will be on sale). If you cannot shop this day, you can pre-shop the week before.

Tickets for the sale cost \$5.00 and were sold at the October General Meeting and will be sold at the November General Meeting. When you purchase items at the Charity Date Sale or pre-shop, you can redeem the \$5.00 ticket your purchase. You can purchase more than one ticket, but you can only use one ticket each time you check out.

Members can sell tickets at the Belk, Inlet Square Mall, during the month of October and the first week of November. She encouraged those who would be interested in selling the tickets at Belk to see her after the meeting.

Future Events: Game Day in February 2015, Trunk Show in April 2015, and Irish Soda Bread Sale in March 2015.

**Newsletter Report:**

Bernice Rucker, Chairperson. Joan presented the report for Bernice. Joan said that Bernice is looking for articles for the Newsletter that will be published the beginning of January. Bernice welcomes any articles members may have to be submitted at this time to her. Ideas for the column, "Celebrating People," are welcome. Writers are needed to conduct the interviews for this column. Anything that needs to be published or advertised before January can be submitted for online announcements on the website.

**New Business Report:**

There was no new business to report.

**Birthday Celebration:**

Joan presented a bouquet of flowers and a special Mass Card to Mary Shumpert in recognition of Mary's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Joan wished Mary a very happy birthday on behalf of the Women's Club. The members gave Mary a standing ovation while singing to her the "Happy Birthday Song."

**Announcements:**

**Respect for Life** – Team Trivia sponsored by the Stewardship Committee to benefit Birthright of Georgetown will be held Friday, October 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the PLC. Life Chain will be held October 5, 2014 from 2:30 until 3:30 pm in Georgetown. Participants are asked to meet at North Frazier Street and Church Street to participate in the Life Chain demonstrating the Celebration of Life against Abortion. Birthright Baby Shower April 2015.

**Out and About Groups:****Chit Chat** – Nancy Szarowicz

Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2014 at Carrabas Restaurant in Murrells Inlet from 5 – 7 pm. Contact Nancy ahead of time to let her know you will be attending.

**Movie and Lunch Bunch** – Judy Zachar

Those wishing to attend on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 should meet at 11:30 am in the PLC parking lot. Lunch will be at Austins Cabana Café at the Litchfield Inn with a movie following at Inlet Square Mall in Murrells Inlet. Members were encouraged to sign up after the meeting.

**Deanery Meeting** – October 19, 2014 at Saint Michael Catholic Church after the 11:00 am Mass. Those wishing to go can meet in the Bi-Lo parking lot at 10:15 am. Carpooling will be available. A luncheon will be provided. Please wear red.

Next General Meeting will be November 6, 2014. Next Board Meeting will be October 16, 2014.

First Friday Adoration October 3, 2014 at 2:00 pm.

Joan introduced Anne Faul, Director of the Smith Clinic as the Speaker for the October General Meeting. The Smith Clinic was one of the recipients of the Women's Club grants awarded last year. Ms. Faul thanked the members for an opportunity to speak about Smith Clinic. She said that Smith Clinic serves the health concerns of low-income people living in Georgetown County. She explained that Grant Money made possible by the Women's Club went towards their Diabetes Program. She recognized Women's Club Members who make a difference at the Smith Clinic through volunteering their services to the clinic. She encouraged the members to help the Smith Clinic by referring people in need to the clinic, by volunteering, and by their generous financial support. Smith Clinic is located on the campus of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church off Highway 17 at Baskerville Drive in Litchfield. They see patients by appointment from 9:00 am to noon Monday through Friday. Specialty Clinics such as cardiology and Vision Clinics are scheduled twice a month. Joan thanked Anne Faul for speaking and invited her to the luncheon following the meeting.

Joan shared that a young man who is a member of the Knights of Columbus was injured. The knights are hosting a Take Out Dinner on Sunday, October 12 to assist in the young man's financial needs.

**Pot of Gold:**

\$80.00 was collected. \$40.00 went to the Women's Club and \$40.00 was awarded to a member.

**Mystery Gift:**

A gift certificate was awarded to a member.



Joan said that a Golf Challenge between members of the Women's Club and the members of the Knights of Columbus is to be held November 19, 2014. It will be a nine-hole challenge. More information will be forthcoming.

Ellen Thoeness led the ladies in Grace before the luncheon.

President Joan Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:09.

Respectively Submitted,  
Louanna Sowa  
Secretary