

Precious Blood of Christ
Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting
November 6, 2014

The Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Marianne Anderson at 11:30 am on November 6, 2014. President Joan Brown was absent.

Marianne 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.

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

Minutes/Correspondence:

Marianne asked Louanna Sowa, Secretary, to speak about the October 2, 2014 Minutes. Louanna stated that the minutes of October 2, 2014 had been emailed to the members who had email prior to the November 6, 2014 General Meeting. Those members who do not receive email were given the opportunity to pick up the October 2, 2014 Minutes prior to the beginning of the November 6, 2014 General Meeting. Louanna also reminded those present that the General Meeting Minutes are available on the Women's Club website. Marianne asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. The Minutes were approved with the corrections and additions made. Louanna informed the ladies that the Correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board.

Treasurer's Report:

Rose Mary Plesha, Treasurer, told the ladies that the Balance at end of month year to date was \$6,527.00. She shared a Preliminary Report from the Craft Fair. The Craft Fair Total Income to Date was \$15,112.44. The Craft Fair Expenses were \$4,250.00. The "Pot of Gold" amounted to

\$2,034.00 with ½ going to the church and ½ going to the person who won. Total Profit for the Craft Fair, so far, is \$10,761.92.

Vice-President's Report:

Marianne told the ladies that The Communion Breakfast is full as of today. It will be held after the 8:00 am Mass on November 9, 2014 at Carefree Catering. The speaker will be Vikki Bourus of the Family Justice Center. She will speak about how PBOC Catholic Women's Club has helped the Family Justice Center.

Alabama Thanksgiving Luncheon and Show will be November 20, 2014. The Luncheon is 11:30 am at the Hilton Resort with the Christmas Show following at Alabama Theater. Forty people are planning to attend. If anyone needs to carpool, please let Marianne or Pilar know. There was one ticket left and a member of the Women's Club requested to purchase it at the meeting.

Mepkin Abbey/James Island Light Show will be December 3, 2014. There is a full bus and a waiting list at this time. Those who signed up need to pay Pilar at the meeting today.

Christmas Luncheon will be December 4, 2014 at Austin's Ocean One Restaurant at 11:30 am. The festive Luncheon was planned by our "Christmas Angels," Theresa, Kathy, and Ellen. Reservations are being accepted and a payment of \$25.00 per person is the cost. Menu Choices are available on the Sign Up Sheet. Christmas Gift optional for the Family Justice Center. Gifts should be wrapped and labeled boy, girl, or woman. Also gift certificates from Wal-Mart are acceptable.

Spiritual Facilitator Report:

Ellen Thoennes reminded the ladies of the upcoming calendar: Saturday, November 1, 2014 All Saints Day; Sunday November 2, 2014 10:30 am Mass for departed of the Parish; Friday, November 7, 2014 Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament; Sunday, November 9, 2014 Communion Breakfast after 8 am Mass; and February 10, 2015, Day of Prayer- "A Spiritual Journey."

Ellen introduced Vittoria Rocca who shared how prayers had made a difference in her life during her recovery from an accident.

Arts and Crafts Report:

Pat Farkas and Eloise Temple Chairpersons.

Pat thanked everyone for a job well done. She shared that the club received many compliments from the vendors and attendees. She thanked all the Committee Chairpersons as well as Carol Steinis and Bernice Rucker who lent their expertise in helping the Craft Fair to be such a success. There were 53 vendors and 60 spaces sold this year. They have received pre-registration for 23 vendors, so far, for next year. The vendors appreciated the care given them by the ladies working the event. Eloise urged members to consider chairing the Arts and Crafts Fair for next year. Eloise added that both she and Pat will support the new chairs in this fun-filled and rewarding endeavor.

Website Report:

Jessica Dezendorf, Chairperson, urged the members to get on the website. She explained that there is a wealth of information about the Women's Club on the website.

Jessica and Kathy Morris will be conducting a Computer Workshop on November 11, 2014 from 10:00 am until 11:30 am at the PLC. If members are unable to make this date, there will be another workshop held. She reminded those attending the workshop to bring portable computers, laptops, or tablets to the workshop.

Refreshment Report:

Carole Kaczynski Co-Chair told the ladies that the menu for the meeting was chicken salad on lettuce served with fruit and a dinner roll, and assorted desserts. Carole thanked the Team Leader for the Luncheon, Ellen Vignone and her volunteers: Lorraine Wamser, Sharon Roberts, Pauline Becker, Jean Mudd, Teresa Mishik-Vercellotti, Beverly Belliveau, and Nancy Poggi. She reminded the ladies that the Luncheon Menu is posted in the back at the Members' Sign Up Table prior to the meeting.

Auction Report:

Carole Kaczynski Co-Chair told the ladies that the Auction is to be held on January 22, 2015. She encouraged the ladies to start to gather items for the Auction. She informed them that they can bring their items in on

January 21, 2015 between 12 and 3 pm. She noted that they did not want clothing, books, CD's, computers, or Christmas Decorations.

Fashion Show:

Carole Kaczynski told the ladies that she was chairing the Prize Committee along with Sue Rovner, Carol Steinis, and Bernice Rucker. She explained the importance of the prizes awarded during the Fashion Show. She encouraged the ladies to solicit the stores. She has a plan for solicitation in place and asked the women to consider signing up on the Sign-Up Sheet. She will meet with the women on December 12, 2014 who sign up to solicit businesses. She asked those with questions to contact her.

Kathy Knittel along with Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti and Ellen Vignone are Co-Chairs for the Fashion Show. The theme for this year's Fashion Show is "Lunch at Tiffany's." The fashions for the Fashion Show will be provided by Belk Department Store located at the Coastal Grand Mall. Tickets will go on sale at the January 2015 General Meeting. The cost will be \$40.00 per person and will be limited to 300 people. She listed the committee heads and encouraged the ladies to sign up for the various committees when the sign up sheets are put out. At this time the only sign up sheet is Prize Patrol.

Membership Report:

Kathy Morris, Co-Chair reported that as of November 1, 2014 we are at 171 members almost to our 200 member goal. Kathy said she had been making calls to new parishioners and inviting them to join the Women's Club as well as sending out reminders to those members who have not paid their dues.

Directories were mailed out to all current members with email. The website is also now current for all paid members. She reminded those without email that there are a limited amount of hard copies of the directories available. She asked members to let her know if there were any corrections to the Directory.

Invitations were sent to all new members for a New Member Brunch to be held at Kathy's home on November 13, 2014 at 10 am. She asked new members who had not responded to please do so.

The Phone Chain has been put together and copies are available for those who do not have email. Any notices that should go out through the Phone Chain should be made to Lillian Szabo. Her phone number is on the website directory. She reminded the members who do not receive email to see her after the meeting if they have not received their copy of the Phone Chain.

Kathy also spoke to the members about Business Sponsorship for the Fashion Show. She asked members to fill out a confidential survey on the area businesses they frequent and to be sure to sign their names on the survey. These surveys will be used to solicit the businesses for contributions for the Fashion Show. Kathy said they raised \$4,000.00 in solicitations from businesses that members frequented last year.

Ways and Means:

Carol Steinis, Co-Chair, reminded members that the Belk Charity Sale is Saturday November 8, 2014 from 6-10 am. Tickets were sold at the meeting. She added that members who bought the \$5.00 ticket that their ticket goes towards their purchase. Ticket holders could pre-shop starting today.

\$310.00 had been collected and all proceeds go toward the Women's Club for our Operating Expenses. She thanked the members who had purchased tickets.

Pam Bilella and Sharon Roberts will co-chair Game Day. A date and time will be announced at the January meeting.

Nancy Szarowicz will chair the Trunk Show that will be held in the spring; more details will follow.

Irish Soda Bread Sale will take place March 14 and 15, 2015. We will begin soliciting bakers at our January meeting.

New Business:

Concerns were voiced in regards to the cost of the Fashion Show tickets being too high. Marianne Anderson told the members who voiced concerns that she would take the matter before the Board.

Smith Clinic will hold a Yard Sale this coming Saturday beginning at 8:00 am. All proceeds will go to fund the Smith Clinic.

Spaghetti Dinner to benefit "Back Pack Buddies" to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located at the corner of Highway 17 and Crooked Oak Drive in Litchfield on November 11, 2014.

Ruth Ann Howard thanked the members who voted to pass the Raffle Amendment. She was happy to report that it was passed.

Deanery Meeting:

The Deanery Meeting will be held at PBOC Catholic Church on January 18, 2015. More information will follow.

January Retreat will be held Saturday, January 24, 2015 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in North Myrtle Beach, SC. The Cost is \$15.00 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. The Speaker is Sr. Sandra Makowski. Topic is "Whatever Happened to Kindness?"

Deanery Card Party will be held February 10, 2015 at Ryan's Steak House in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

2015 SCCCW Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greenville, SC on March 20-22, 2015. Room rates are \$124.00 per person. Call 864-676-9090 to make reservations. Pee Dee Deanery is responsible for Fund Raising. We will auction off \$200 baskets and sell SCCCW scarves.

NCCW Service Project will be "Caps of Love." Judy Zachar distributed plastic bags for the members to collect plastic caps that will be turned in for cash to help buy wheelchairs for crippled children.

Out and About Groups:

Movie and Lunch Bunch:

Judy Zachar told the members that they will not meet in December, but will meet again in January.

Chit Chat:

Nancy Szarowicz reminded the members that it is important that they sign up and then attend in order for Nancy to plan with the venue space. She reminded the ladies that the Serendipity Singers would be performing a Christmas Program November 23, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Community Presbyterian Church.

Knights and Women's Club Golf Challenge:

Rose Mary Plesha thanked the members who signed up for the Golf Challenge. She had 20-25 women, spouses, and friends sign up. The Knights will sign up the men tonight at their meeting. The goal is for 50 people to sign up. The games that will be played are "Fall Golf Fun," "Four Person Scramble," and "Animal Golf." Rose Mary explained the rules to the members. The winning group (Knights or Women's Club) will donate the proceeds to their favorite charity. The date is November 19, 2014 at Litchfield Country Club with sign-in at 11:45 am and lunch at 12:00. It will begin with a "Shot Gun Start" at 1:00 pm. There are no rain checks on lunch. Cost is \$35.00 per person and can be paid at the meeting or a check can be mailed to Rose Mary.

Newsletter:

Bernice Rucker reminded members that articles for the Newsletter needed to be submitted by January 8, 2015. Besides being mailed to Bernice the articles can be submitted on-line as well.

Pot of Gold:

\$41.00 raised - ½ went to club and ½ went to winner of Drawing.

Mystery Gift:

Gift certificate to Tuesday Morning awarded to winner of Drawing.

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2015 at the PLC at 11:00 am. Please arrive by 10:45 am.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 9:00 am.

The Speakers for today's General Meeting are Joan Noble and Michael Morris of Midway Fire and Rescue. Joan Noble spoke about concerns of planting flammable plants within 60 feet of homes, the concern of using pine straw as bedding around homes, using grills on porches, fire pit safety, and putting house numbers on mailboxes. Joan also reminded the members to check dryer filters regularly to avoid lint fires. She gave instructions on how to deal with a grease fire and what do to in case you are burned in a grease fire. She had sayings she passed onto members to encourage children to follow fire safety guidelines and encouraged all members to have a fire safety plan in effect in case of a fire.

Michael Morris spoke about maintaining smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in homes as well as having fire ladders if we live in a two story home. If you have a security system Michael recommends having a person of contact in case you are out of town and your have an issue that is reported by your security system. He spoke of the advantages of a land line over a cell phone in enabling the fire department to respond promptly to a 911 call. There was a question and answer session after the presentation. Both Joan Noble and Michael Morris thanked the Women's Club for allowing them to present and looked forward to returning to speak in the future.

Ellen Thoennes, the Spiritual Facilitator, led the group in a prayer before lunch.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Louanna Sowa
Secretary

