

Precious Blood of Christ  
Catholic Women's Club  
General Meeting  
January 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Joan M. Brown at 11:00 am on January 8, 2015.

Joan welcomed the ladies and wished them a Happy New Year.

Ellen Thoennes, the Spiritual Facilitator, led the ladies in prayer. She prayed the prayer to Elizabeth Ann Seton, the prayer for Victims of Abuse, and a special prayer for those who have died this past year who were associated with the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women.

Pilar Carboni led the ladies in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Joan asked Kathy Morris if we had a quorum and Kathy responded we did.

**Minutes/Correspondence:**

Louanna Sowa, Secretary, stated that she had sent the minutes from the last Women's Club General Meeting to the members' emails and had put out copies of those minutes for members who did not receive email. She said upon request by a member she would be sending the General Minutes in two formats: PDF and DOCX. The minutes were corrected and accepted for File. Louanna directed the ladies to the easel that held the correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Rosemary Plesha, Treasurer, reminded the ladies that the Treasurers Report was posted on the PBOCC Women's Club Website. She said that the Income for November was \$4,929.00, the Expenses for November were \$2,666.99, and the Balance for November was \$18, 101.79. There were no questions or comments and the Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit.

## **President's Report:**

### **Calendar of Events:**

1. January 18, 2015 the Women's Club will be hosting the Deanery Mass and Luncheon. Mass is at 10:30 at Precious Blood of Christ Church with Lunch following in the PLC.
2. January 22, 2015 the Women's Club Auction will be held in the PLC with funds benefiting Tideland's Hospice.
3. February 10, 2015 is the "Day of Prayer."
4. February 25, 2015 is Game Day held at Ryan's Steak House.
5. March 14, 2015 is the Fashion Show at Pawleys Plantation.
6. Check the Women's Club Website for news about upcoming events.
7. Ongoing Monthly Activities: Chit Chat , Golf Outing, and Movie and Lunch Bunch.

### **Newsletter:**

The Newsletter will be sent to Members January 15, 2015 in the mail.

Going forward the Newsletter will be appear on the website and hard copies will be sent only to members who do not receive email.

### **Constitution/Bylaws Revisions:**

The Executive Board has had two meetings reviewing the Constitution/Bylaws of the Women's Club. The purpose of the review is to make the Constitution/Bylaws relevant to our present day 2015 membership. The recommendations will be presented to the members as soon as a final draft has been created. The final decision will be agreed upon by the voting membership.

### **Ticket Sales and Sign Up Sheets:**

Follow through to commitments made by members is very important. If you sign up to attend a function and if a fee is charged payment should be made in a timely manner. If you cannot attend an event that you have signed up for and have paid for it is your responsibility to re-sell your ticket.

**Recognition:**

Joan recognized Kathy Morris who was honored by the Waccamaw Times along with her husband, John for the contributions they have made to “Soup A Bowl” for Habitat for Humanity.

Joan ended her report by wishing the ladies a prayer for good health for all the members and their families and success and fun working together this year.

There was no report from the Vice-President, Marianne Anderson.

**Spiritual Facilitator Report:**

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator

Special Dates to Remember:

1. Friday, January 2, 2015 – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
2. Tuesday, February 10, 2015 – Day of Prayer, A Spiritual Journey
  - Ellen met with 16 Standing Committees
  - Theme – Mary, The Mother of GodCommunity Rosary, Mass with Special Blessings, Continental Breakfast, Worship Music, Teachings, Discussion, Reflections, Closing Ceremony, and Reconciliation.

**Refreshment Report:**

Carole Kaczynski, Marcia Boyer, and Debbie O’Brian, Co-Chairs

The menu for the January 8, 2015 General Meeting will be a special recipe of Stromboli served with a salad and desserts. They thanked Jan Frieden, Team Leader, and the following volunteers: Barbara Call, Barbara Dymond, Nancy Szarowicz, Claire Turner, and Sabina Kowalski for preparing and serving the Luncheon.

**Auction Report:**

Carole Kaczynski, Chairwoman

Notices have been placed in the surrounding Church Bulletins by Ellen Sullivan. Patty Guazzo placed information in the PBOC Catholic Church Bulletin. Bernice Rucker will be placing an ad in the next Women's Club Newsletter. Local papers have been notified. All the volunteers have been notified that Carole will be having a short meeting January 13, 2015.

Carole had been contacted by Vittoria Rocca and Ruth Ann Howard in regards to using a professional auctioneer who lives in Georgetown County; his name is Sam Tanner. He has agreed to act as Auctioneer for the Auction. He will not be charging a fee for his services.

If you want to donate items to the Auction, you can bring them on Wednesday, January 21 between 12 and 3 pm to the PLC. Please no books, clothing, CDs, computers or Christmas decorations. Please do not bring items the night of the Auction.

**Fashion Show:**

Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti, Kathy Knittel, Ellen Vignone Co-Chairs  
Theresa reported the following Updates:

Theresa, Ellen Vignone and Kathy Knittel met with Bernadine Coary-Karasek from Belk's Department Store on November 21, 2014 to discuss the fashions that Belk's would be providing for the Fashion Show. Bernadine is looking forward to working with us.

Tickets for the Fashion Show will go on sale at the January 8, 2015 General Meeting of the Women's Club. The cost will be \$40.00 a person.

Theresa said that she and Kathy Knittel plan to meet with Yuani Valentine, Banquet Coordinator for Pawleys Plantation, the early part of January.

Theresa shared information from Kathy Morris in regards to solicitation letters to area businesses for the Fashion Show

sponsorship. A total of 129 letters were sent out. The cost for mailing was \$30.96 for envelopes and postage was \$61.92. The amount of Sponsorship from businesses contacted amounted to \$1,900.00 so far.

**Fashion Show Decorating Committee:**

Jan Frieden and Terry Furfaro are in need of boxes for the Fashion Show. Kathy Knittel sent out an email blast to all members asking them to save boxes and to bring them to the February General Meeting. The box sizes are 8" square, 14" square, and 20" square.

**Fashion Show Prize Patrol Committee:**

Carole Kaczynski, Chairperson, reported that her telephone calls to new members of the Women's Club for the Prize Patrol were very successful. She is also set for gift wrappers for the boxes. There will be a Prize Patrol Meeting on Friday, January 9, 2015 at the PLC, Room 1 for all the women who signed up for Prize Patrol soliciting.

**Membership Report:**

Kathy Morris, Chairperson, reported that membership was at 180 members and that we are 20 members shy of our goal. She reached out to new members who joined the parish last month. She encouraged the Women's Club members to also reach out to ladies to join the Women's Club. Two new members signed up at January's General meeting they are Virginia Paccadolmi and Lisa Bennett. There was one prospective member, Barbara "Babs" Spence.

**Ways and Means Report:**

Carol Steinis and Denise Lee, Co-Chairs.

Carol reminded the ladies that there were sign up sheets for those who would like to attend Game Day which will be held Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Ryan's. A lunch buffet will be served including soft drinks and coffee, tea, and dessert. The cost is \$15.00 a person. The payment will be due by the General Meeting on February 5, 2015 or before. Tables for four will be set up for games. Donations for table prizes and raffle prizes are requested and are needed and appreciated. Any donations can be

brought to the February General meeting. For further information please contact Pam Bilella or Sharon Roberts, Co-chairs for this event.

The Soda Bread Sale will take place the weekend of March 14 & 15, 2015. There are sign up sheets for those who would like to bake soda breads. In March we will be looking for volunteers to sell the soda breads after the masses. Ingredients and directions for the soda bread will be distributed at the March General Meeting. Each recipe makes two loaves.

A Trunk Show will be on Thursday, April 16, 2015. Nancy Szarowicz will chair this event. Additional information will be announced. If you are interested in helping plan this event, see Nancy.

A special Thank You to Judy Modica for her work with Pennies from Heaven. Judy collected \$41.22.

**Deanery Report:**

Ruthann Howard, PBOCC Women's Club Representative, reminded the ladies that there would be a Deanery Meeting Sunday, January 18, 2015 after the 10:30 am Mass at PBOC with a luncheon following the meeting.

The Deanery Retreat is scheduled for January 24, 2015 at Our Lady Star of the Sea in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Deanery Card Party is scheduled for February 10, 2015 at Ryan's in North Myrtle Beach, SC. Door prizes for this event can be brought to January Deanery meeting on January 18, 2015. Cost for the door prizes can range from \$10.00 to \$15.00.

The SCCCW Convention will be March 22-24, 2015 at Embassy Suites in Greenville, SC. Room rate is \$124.00 and reservations are under SC Council of Catholic Women. Call (864) 676-9090 for reservations. Our deanery is to provide a wine basket, a spirits basket, and a beach theme basket. The baskets are to be valued at \$100.00 each.

The Convention Project is St. Clare's Home, a place where women in a crisis pregnancy situation will have a comfortable and caring environment where they will bond with their babies. This charity is highly endorsed by our Bishop. Although this is the first home of its kind in the Greenville area, the hope is that more will evolve throughout the state.

Our annual affiliate reports are due to the Deanery by January 12, 2015. These will go to the SCCCW and awards will be given at the state convention.

**Announcements:**

"Caps for Love" Judy Zachar , Chairperson, asked the ladies to save their heavy plastic bottle and jar caps of all kinds to be recycled for cash to purchase wheelchairs for crippled children. They may be deposited in a receptacle in the PLC entry hall. This is a project of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Movie and Lunch Bunch: Contact Judy Zachar after the meeting if you are interested in attending the movie and lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015.

Chit and Chat will meet this month at Moe's Original Barbecue on January 15, 2015 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Award:**

Joe Gabriel and Roy Gilbert of The Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272 spoke about being involved in taking paperback books to Veterans in Murrells Inlet and Charleston. They awarded Kathy Knittel with "The Patriotic Arm Award" for her help in acquiring the paperback books that are distributed to the veterans and bestowed upon her an award of merit.

**Speaker:**

Diana Evans, President of St. Christopher's Children, thanked the members for the grant her organization received from PBOCC Women's Club last year. She told the ladies that the organization is a non-profit organization whose intent is to purchase clothing

and provide for orthodontic care for low-income children. She said she gets the referrals for the children from school counselors and school nurses and that members from her organization do not meet the children. She shared some heart-felt letters from recipients of the orthodontic care and from a mother whose child had received clothing from St. Christopher's Children following a fire that destroyed her home. She thanked the members for the grant her organization received and for the chance to speak to the Women's Club about St. Christopher's Children.

Joan thanked Diane for coming and sharing about St. Christopher's Children.

**Pot of Gold:**

\$36.00 was awarded to Linda Caswell.

**Mystery Gift:**

A gift certificate from "Get Carried Away" restaurant was awarded to a women's club member.

Joan reminded the ladies that the next General Meeting would be February 5, 2015 and the next Board Meeting would be January 22, 2015.

Joan said the prayer before meals prior to adjourning the meeting at 12: 00 noon.

Respectively Submitted,

Louanna Sowa  
Secretary



