

Precious Blood of Christ  
Catholic Women's Club  
General Meeting  
February 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the President, Joan M. Brown, at 11:00 am on February 5, 2015.

Joan welcomed the ladies to the meeting.

Ellen Thoennes, the Spiritual Facilitator, led the members in prayer reciting the prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the prayer for Victims of Abuse.

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

Joan asked Kathy Morris, Membership Chairperson, if we had a quorum and Kathy responded that we did have a quorum.

**Minutes/Correspondence:**

Louanna Sowa, Secretary, told the members that the minutes would no longer be emailed to the members. She explained that the Minutes of the General Meetings would continue to be posted on the PBOCC Women's Club Website. She explained how the Website was our Central point of information and that the Financial Report is available at this time on the website. Louanna asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the January 8, 2015 General Meeting. There were none and the Minutes stood as read.

**Financial Report:**

Rosemary Plesha, Treasurer, was absent and Marianne Anderson reminded the Members that the Financial Report had been posted on the Website. She asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Financial Report. There were none and the Financial Report was entered for Audit.

**President's Report:**

Joan M. Brown, President, spoke about the hard work Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, and her committees have put forth to make the "Day of Prayer" a success. Joan thanked them.

Joan thanked Mary Ann MacDonald and Joan Brice for organizing volunteers and the Volunteers for serving at Father Pat's Kitchen for the month of January.

PBOCC Women's Club was well represented at the Deanery Mass and Luncheon on Sunday, January 18, 2015. An "At Will Collection" was taken up at the Luncheon and \$56.00 was collected and given to PBOCC Women's Club to distribute to a charity of our choice. It was decided that Baskerville Food Pantry would receive the donation. Joan thanked Eileen Birchenough, Suzanne Harris, and Mary Shumpert who set up for the Luncheon and created the lovely table decorations.

Joan spoke about how Max Goree, owner of Pawleys Island Bakery, has contributed food items to the Women's Club for various functions. Instead of paying Max for the food, Max has requested we give Father Pat the money. A check in the amount of \$200.00 has been given to Father Pat per Max's request.

Joan asked for volunteers to chair the October 2015 Arts and Crafts Festival. She reminded the members that this is one of our major fundraisers. The proceeds from this event go toward funding the parish and funding the Grants Program. There is a binder that has been assembled to help with organizing and planning this event. Joan asked for volunteers to contact her about chairing this event.

Joan told the members that in March energies will be put forth into organizing our calendar for the 2015-2016 year.

Joan introduced Sharon Roberts who will chair an Exploratory Committee whose responsibilities will be discussing new ideas about the spiritual, social, and small and large fund raising aspects of the Women's Club and the possibility of creating an evening meeting to

accommodate those who are unable to attend the General Meetings. Joan asked members who would like to serve on this committee to see Sharon after the meeting.

Joan shared that starting in February the Nominating Committee will begin looking for candidates to replace the Board Members who will be leaving after their term is over this year. She also asked all Committee Chairs who plan to leave after their term this year or who plan to stay on for next year to let Joan know by the March 5, 2015 General Meeting.

### **Vice-President Report:**

There was no report.

### **Spiritual Facilitator Report:**

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, reminded the members of the following important dates:

- Friday, February 6, 2015 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3:00 pm is the Women's Club designated time. 9 am until 6 pm is the times available
- Sunday, February 8 – Confirmation of 30 students 10:30 am Mass
- Tuesday, February 10 – Day of Prayer, A Spiritual Journey
  1. 150 registered
  2. All committees active
  3. Theme, Mary the Mother of God
  4. Community Rosary 8:00
  5. Mass with Special Blessing
  6. Continental Breakfast
  7. Worship Music
  8. Teachings
  9. Discussions
  10. Reflections
  11. Luncheon
  12. Closing Ceremony
  13. Reconciliation
- Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – 8:30 am, noon, 6 pm
- Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper begin Friday, February 20, 2015 with Supper being at 6:00 pm and Stations being at 7 pm
- Ecumenical Lenten Service begins Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at PBOC Church at Noon

- Mary's Way of the Cross – Stations of the Cross, March 27, 2015; Booklets purchased for Women's Club

Simple Supper 6 pm – Kathy Frank and Emma Washington Co-Chairs; members need to supply non-meat soup and non-meat sandwiches

Stations 7 pm – Ellen Thoennes Chairperson; need one Eucharistic Minister, two Candle Bearers, one Cross Bearer, and three Greeters to pass out booklets.

### **Ways and Means Report:**

Carol Steinis, Chairperson, shared the following:

1. Game Day will be Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Ryan's. Cost: \$15.00. Pam Bilella and Sharon Roberts are Co-Chairing this event and are accepting donations for prizes.
2. Irish Soda Bread Sale will be March 14 and March 15, 2015 after all masses. Sign-up sheets are available for bakers and sellers of the bread. Goal: 100 loaves of bread.
3. Trunk Show will be Thursday, April 16, 2015. Nancy Szarowicz will chair this event. Contact Nancy if you are willing to help. Vendors needed and donations of baked goods.
4. Judy Modica deposited \$44.49 for Pennies from Heaven in January.

### **Fashion Show Report:**

Kathy Knittel, Fashion Show Co-Chair, gave the following report:

Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti, Ellen Vignone, and Kathy Knittel, Chairpersons, met with Yuani Valentine at Pawleys Plantation in January to discuss the menu.

The Prize Patrol is in full swing and doing a great job.

Tickets are still available. Please contact Joan Baker to purchase your tickets.

Sponsorship: total of \$2,975.00 including \$2,000.00 from the business community and \$975.00 from members of the PBOCC Women's Club.

### **Out and About Group:**

Judy Zachar reported the next outing for "Movie and Lunch Bunch" will be Thursday, February 19, 2015. Those interested in attending will meet in front of the PLC at 11:30 am. Lunch will be at Pasteria 811. The movie will be at Inlet Square Mall Theater. Please check with the theater for movie choices. Sign-up sheet located on the back table.

Judy Zachar shared the "Caps of Love" project sponsored by NCCW is underway. Members are to collect hard plastic caps from all sources to be recycled for cash for children's wheelchairs. Place the caps in plastic Zip-lock bags and deposit the bags in the marked receptacle in the PLC foyer. If donating the clear plastic caps from water bottles, please put these in a separate Zip-lock bag. Remember to remove the paper insert inside of the caps. Judy will take the caps to the NCCW convention the end of March.

### **Chit Chat Group:**

Nancy Szarowicz informed the members that the next Chit Chat Meeting is at Webster's on February 19, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

### **Trunk Show:**

Nancy Szarowicz, Chairperson, reminded the members that the Trunk Show is April 16, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the PLC. Nancy asked for volunteers to help with the trunk show. Sign up sheets were available. Marianne Anderson is in charge of seeking vendors for the Trunk Show. Vendor cost to rent a table is \$25.00. Pam Bilella is in charge of food.

Pot of Gold: \$64.00 collected and winner took \$32.00

Mystery Gift: was awarded to a lucky member.

### **New Business:**

Luciann Slomkowski wanted the minutes to be sent by email to members, rather than only appearing on the Web Site. Discussion

ensued. The matter was put to a vote by a show of hands as to those who wished to have the minutes be only available on the website and those who wished to have the minutes be emailed to the members as well as being posted on the website. Those who wished to have the minutes continue to be sent to them and also appear on the website won by a narrow margin. So, the Women's Club General Monthly Minutes will be sent to individual members as well as being posted on the website at this time.

Another member suggested that the dates and times of the Women's Club General Meeting should appear on the website.

Another member suggested we have more Website Usage classes to accommodate members who were unable to make the last classes.

Joan M. Brown said she would pass the information on to Jessica Dezendorf who is in charge of the Women's Club website.

Joan M. Brown requested that committees consider scheduling their meetings after the monthly PBOCC Women's Club meetings for convenience of the members on the committees.

### **Refreshment Report:**

Joan M. Brown read the Refreshment Report informing the ladies that the menu for the luncheon was Lasagna with a tossed salad and Italian bread along with a wide selection of desserts. Joan thanked those who shopped, prepared, served, and cleaned up for the luncheon.

### **Auction Report:**

Carole Kaczynski, Chairperson, informed the members that the Auction benefiting Tideland's Hospice was a great success. Seventy-seven people attended. Carole thanked the many volunteers to helped with the Auction. She also thanked the auctioneer, Emma, from C&C Auction in Georgetown. The items that were not auctioned off went to Tideland's Resale Store in Georgetown, SC. Carole presented a check in the amount of \$2,315.18 to Shane Player, Executive Director of Tideland's Hospice in Georgetown, SC. Shane thanked the members of the Women's Club and shared some heartfelt stories of people who have

received help from Tideland's Hospice. He thanked the members and said he already knew where the check could be put to the best use.

**Speaker:**

Lillian Reid from Pawleys Island Child Care, a recipient of Grant Money from the Women's Club, was the speaker. She thanked the members for their generous support. She informed the members that the Grant Money she received went toward tuition for those who are not able to pay for the childcare and also for curriculum based programs implemented by the teachers. She went on to share about the school and their goal to prepare the children for entering into public school.

**Announcements:**

- The SCCW State Convention will take place March 20 – 22, 2015 at the Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Conference Center, Greenville, SC. See Judy Zachar or Ruthanne Howard for more information.
- Mary Shumpert has been nominated as a candidate for Catholic Woman of the Year. Elections will take place at the SCCCW Convention.
- Birthright Shower – April 2, 2015 at the General Meeting.
- Grants Luncheon – June 11, 2015 at Kimball's.
- Installation Mass – Tentatively, June 13, 2015 at the 5:00 pm mass.
- Ecumenical Lenten Series – PBOC Church host for February 25, 2015 service and Luncheon. Service starts at noon. Help needed for set up, serving, and clean up. Contact Ellen Sullivan in church office if you wish to participate.
- Joan M. Brown reminded the members to check the Bulletin Board for Deanery Card Party and the Family Justice Center "Love in the Chair Auction."
- There were forms available for the Honors and Memorial Programs on the back table.
- Kathy Morris sent out the current PBOCC Women's Club Directory via email to all current members.
- Scrapbooks of the PBOCC Women's Club were on the back table.
- February Board Meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:00 am in the PLC.

- General Meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 11:00 in the PLC.
- Grace was said.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectively submitted,

Louanna Sowa  
Secretary