

**PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**MARCH 5, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by President, Joan Brown, at 11:00 a.m. on March 5, 2015. Ellen Thoennes led the opening prayer; Pilar Carboni led the Pledge of Allegiance; and Sherry Marnell advised a quorum was present.

In the absence of the Secretary, President Joan Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of February 5. There being none the Minutes were accepted as read.

Rosemary Plesha gave the January Treasurer's report, and it was accepted for audit.

Joan Brown gave the Presidents Report.

In September 2015 the Women's Club will celebrate 30 year anniversary.

The Arts and Crafts Festival is Oct 30 and 31, 2015. Recognition of great job done in 2014 and announced that Jan Frieden and Pilar Carboni would chair in 2015. Eloise Temple advised that the vendors were given the dates of October 23 and 24 and some have prepaid. Joan advised she would check with the church office and the co-chairwomen and decide how to correct the error.

Thank you to Carol Kaczynski and her committee for an outstanding Auction. Women's Club made a donation of \$2,215.00 to Tideland's Hospice.

The Nominating Committee will speak about their progress in seeking candidates for vacant offices in 2015-2016 calendar year.

Sharon Roberts and her Exploratory Committee has presented the Executive Board with a report containing many suggestions for new social, spiritual, and fund raising events. Great Job.

Grants committee has started the application process and fifteen applications received so far.

The Scholarship Chair, Jean Mudd, will be reviewing the applications received by our Youth Coordinator.

Calendar dates for Simple Supper/Mary's Way of the Cross, Friday, March 27, final general meeting, June 4; Grants luncheon, June 11 at Kimbals at Wachasaw Plantation; Installation Mass, June 13 at 5 p.m.

Thanked Sharon Roberts and Pam Bilella, co-chairs of the Game Day event, for a fun-filled and successful event, and thanked all of the Women's Club members who helped with the Lenten Series luncheon at PBOC on the same day.

Thanked Ellen Thoennes and all those who volunteered to help for a wonderful Day of Prayer.

Vice President, Marianne Anderson, announced that a Plantation Tour has been scheduled for May 18, and sign-up sheets were out.

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, reminded everyone that Friday, March 6, was First Friday Adoration and the Women's Club time was from 2 until 3 p.m. The Women's Club evening for providing the Simple Supper is March 27, followed by Stations of the Cross using the Mary's Way of the Cross books. She urged members to attend the Wednesday ecumenical services at various churches during Lent.

Jessica Dezendorf, webmaster, reminded everyone that all the upcoming events are listed on the website. She announced that another website class would be held on March 16 in classroom 2 of the PLC and everyone should bring their smart phone, tablet or laptop and learn how to navigate the website.

Jessica Dezendorf announced that the Hope Ball for people with special needs will be held on May 8 in the PLC. Help is needed decorating the room, greeting guests, and mingling with the guests. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the back.

Mary Kinzie, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that there will be two vacancies on the Executive Board beginning July 1: Secretary and Treasurer. If anyone has not been contacted and would like to be considered for nomination, she should contact Mary. Slate announced at April meeting. Vote to be taken at May meeting.

The Ways and Means Committee Chair, Carol Steinis, gave a report on fundraisers. She thanked the chairs of the Game Day event and announced it made a profit of \$525. The Irish Soda Bread sale is after all masses on April 14 and 15. Pans and ingredients are available for pickup after the meeting. The Trunk Show is April 16 and is being chaired by Nancy Szarowicz. So far 11 vendors have signed on. Nancy needs donations of wine and baked goods for the event. Sign-up sheet is on the table.

Kathy Knittel reported that there was one ticket remaining to be sold for the Fashion Show. Suzanne Harris announced from the floor that she had an extra ticket and would like to invite one of the nuns from St. Cyprians, a member from the floor announced she would purchase the remaining ticket and donate it so another nun could attend. All tickets have been sold.

There will be three fashion show raffles: A Chinese Auction, Prize Boxes, and a Special Raffle for a necklace and earrings donated by Jared jewelers valued at \$900. Tickets for prize boxes and special raffle were being sold after the meeting. Someone at the fashion show must have the ticket with them to win.

President Joan Brown announced that the Birthright Shower would be held at the April 2 general meeting. A list of suggested needs was available on the back table.

Carole Kaczynski thanked today's kitchen chairwoman, Lisa Mahan, and all her volunteer staff for preparing a delicious soup and salad luncheon.

Jane Dolan explained that Joy School would be the last week of June. Joy School is held at the Pawleys Presbyterian Church and is for special needs children and older. Our Women's Club provides lunches one week a year. The Club pays for the food and five volunteers a day are needed to assemble the lunches in our kitchen and then deliver them to the Joy School. A sign-up sheet is on the table.

Under New Business, President Joan Brown announced that the Executive Board has reviewed the Constitution and By-Laws and made suggestions for changes that would update them to reflect continuing changes in the Club. The original wording and the changes were assembled and printed and will be passed out to members at the meeting prior to the meeting being adjourned. Members were asked to review the changes and be prepared to vote on them at the April meeting. Any questions can be emailed to Joan Brown. Discussion at the April meeting will be limited to one minute per person, and two questions per person.

Judy Zachar invited everyone to lunch and a movie on Thursday, March 12 with the Out and About Group. Meet at the PLC parking lot. Place for lunch and movie will be decided later. Sign up today.

Nancy Szarowicz announced that Chit Chat would be at the Hanser House Restaurant on Thursday, March 19, from 4:30 until 7.

Sherri Marnell from the membership committee welcomed four new members today: Carol Fabrey, Ann Carline, Jane Campbell and Barbara Bartha. Membership is now 188 members.

President Joan Brown announced that First Friday adoration would be tomorrow, March 6; the Women's Club State Convention was going to be in Greeneville from March 20-22, and we would be represented by three members; the PBOC St. Patrick's Day party and dance is March 15 from 5 – 9 p.m.; the next Board meeting is March 26 and the next General Meeting is April 2.

Ellen Thoennes led the closing prayer and said Grace.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Submitted by Rosemary Plesha for Louanna Sowa, Secretary, who was absent.