

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the President, Joan M. Brown at 11:00 AM. Joan welcomed the members and thanked Pam Bilella and her committee for organizing the Birthright Shower. Joan also thanked the members who donated items for the Birthright Shower.

Joan asked Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, to lead the members in prayer and Pilar Carboni to lead the members in "The Pledge of Allegiance."

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

Louanna Sowa, Secretary, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 5, 2015 General Meeting Minutes; there being none the Minutes stood as read.

Rosemary Plesha, Treasurer, gave the February Financial Report. Total Income for February was \$3,125.95, Total Expenses for February was \$4,908.48; and Overall Total was \$2,9,843.81. Rosemary asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February Financial Report; there were none and the report was accepted for audit.

Joan M.Brown, President, gave the following report:

Mary Shumpert was elected "Women of the Year" by the SCCCW.

June 4, 2015 is the date of our end of the year General Meeting.

We will commence the new year for the Women's Club with the Annual Tea in late August.

We will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the PBOCC Women's Club in September.

The Exploratory Committee headed by Sharon Roberts has exciting ideas to implement within the club in the upcoming year.

The Fashion Show was a huge success. Thanks were given to the Co-Chairs: Kathy Knittel, Theresa Mishik-Vercellotti, and Ellen Vignone.

Compliments were given to Kathy Frank and to Emma Washington for the splendid job they did creating the Simple Supper before “Mary’s Way of the Cross” stations. The volunteers who prepared and served the supper were also thanked.

Joan thanked Ellen Thoennes for coordinating “Mary’s Way of the Cross” stations and all those who served. A suggestion was made by Ellen Thoennes to use “Pennies from Heaven” funds to purchase additional booklets for “Mary’s Way of the Cross.”

Marianne Anderson, Vice-President, gave the following report:

Boat trip in Georgetown is planned for May 18, 2015 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Cost is \$30.00 a person and guests are welcome. Sign-Up and payment was accepted at the meeting. Deadline for Sign-Up and payment is May 4, 2015.

June Grants Luncheon will be held at Kimbals Restaurant at Wachesaw Plantation on June 11, 2015. Members were given three choices for entrees. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Sign-Up and payment was accepted at the meeting. Additional time will be given at the May General Meeting for Sign-Up and Payment.

Speaker at the May General Meeting will be Ron Byrd from the Guardian Ad Litem Program in Georgetown County.

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator, gave the following report:

Special Dates to Remember:

March 27, 2015 – Mary’s Way of the Cross
Simple Supper 6 PM and Stations 7 PM

Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday from April 3 – 5.
Friday April 10 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2 – 3 PM.

June 13 – Installation Mass at 5:00 PM.

Voting on Constitution/By-Laws:

Joan told the members that their vote was their voice. If they agreed with the changes they were to vote yes if they disagreed with the changes they were to vote no. Opportunity would be given under “New Business” to address any proposed motions..

Those wishing to speak were asked to sign in prior to the meeting. Joan welcomed those who had signed up to speak to voice their questions and state their opinions to the general membership prior to the vote. Afterwards Joan proceeded to verbally go over each proposed change and allowed members to vote. Ballots were collected and votes counted by a select group of members.
All the changes recommended to the By-Laws and Constitution passed by a majority vote from the members.

During “New Business” the membership was asked three times, twice by Joan and once by Rosemary Plesha if there were any amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws passed by the members and a motion was made and seconded to change “Article I Section I in the By-Laws to read First Vice-President and Second Vice-President.” There was a show of hands and the change to the By-Laws was accepted by the majority of members.

In addition, Members received the new Organizational Chart for the Women’s Club that allows all committee reports to be presented by specific members during the General Meeting.

Grants Report given by Sherry Marnell, Chairperson, stated the recipients of the 2015-2016 Grant Awards and the amounts they would receive. Each member had been given a copy. Membership will vote on the list at the May General Meeting.

Veronica Bucello and Linda Caswell, members of the Nomination Committee, presented the nominees for the office of Secretary and Treasurer. Veronica and Linda took turns reading the Bios to the members. The Bios are also available on the PBOCC Women's Club Website. Voting will take place at the May General Meeting.

The Membership Report was given by Kathy Morris, Membership Chairperson, and stated that we currently have 190 paid members. She reminded members to contact her in regards to any changes to the Membership directory. She asked members to check their personal information on the website. She also reminded members that there is a phone chain in place for members who do not have email access. Lillian Szabo was introduced as the contact person for the phone chain.

The Ways and Means report was given by Carol Steinis, Co-chairperson. She reminded the members that the Belk Charity Sale tickets were being sold at the meeting and that the Sale is Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 8 AM until 10 AM. However, you can pre-shop before the sale. Cost: \$5.00 per ticket. Each ticket goes toward your purchase when you shop and the Women's Club keeps \$5.00 for each ticket sold.

The Soda Bread Sale netted a profit of \$436.16. Carol thanked those who made the bread and those that purchased the bread.

Trunk Show Report presented by Nancy Szarowicz stated that there were 15 vendors participating. She reminded members that the Trunk Show would be held on April 16, 2015 from 4 PM to 7PM at the PLC. She asked for donations of baked good to be dropped off by 2 PM on April 16, 2015 at the PLC. Vendors will be awarding door prizes.

Chit Chat will meet at the Trunk Show.

The Fashion Show Report was presented by Co-Chairperson, Ellen Vignone. Ellen thanked all of the committees and their volunteers for their help in making the Fashion Show such a success.

She asked the members who helped with the Fashion Show to stand and be recognized. They received a round of applause.

Ellen also thanked Claudette Drankoski and Larry Tanelli who provided the entertainment at the Fashion Show as well as thanking all the Donors.

Arts and Crafts Report:

Joan Brown introduced the chairs for the 2015 Arts and Crafts Festival – Jan Frieden and Pilar Carboni. The ladies received a round of applause. Jan shared that letters had been mailed to perspective vendors and that she and Pilar were in the process of organizing the committees and naming the chairs. Jan said more news would be forthcoming at the May meeting.

The Deanery Report by Judy Zachar was presented by Joan Brown. It stated that the 85th State Convention of the SCCC Women was held in Greenville SC on March 20-22, 2015 with President Marlene Grover presiding. The theme of the convention was, “And, She Said Yes!” Representing PBOCC Women’s Club were Ruthann Howard, Marcia Boyer, and Judy Zachar. Mary Shrumpert was awarded the title of the 2015 Catholic Woman of the Year. The 2016 Deanery Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Joan presented Mary Shrumpert with one dozen roses in honor of her election of the SCCCW Woman of the year for 2015. Joan spoke of Mary’s wonderful service and also how proud we were of her.

Refreshment Report:

Joan read the menu for the Luncheon and acknowledged all those who had participated.

New Business:

Joan opened the floor for new business. There was a complaint about the website not working. Joan asked Jessica Dezendorf to come forward. Jessica explained that the website was being refigured by Clem Thoennes and should be up and running soon. She told the members that the pictures of the Fashion Show were on the website and also the candidates bios for Secretary and Treasurer. Jessica reminded the members to sign up to help with the Hope Ball that will be held May 8, 2015 at the PLC. The Hope Ball benefits young adults and adults with special needs.

Joan asked again if there was any new business. No one responded.

Birthright of Georgetown:

Pam Bilella introduced Teri Triana and Mary Lou England who are representatives of Birthright of Georgetown.

Teri thanked the members for their generous gifts for the Birthright Baby Shower. She also thanked the members who volunteer at Birthright.

Teri asked the members to recite a “Hail Mary” for a young woman who approached Birthright for help in regards to her pregnancy. The woman is carrying a child with a birth defect. Teri asked the members to keep the woman in their prayers.

Mary Lou spoke about a young woman who was going to be forced to give up her baby for adoption in order to live in her grandparents’ home and another young woman and her baby who were evicted from their home. Birthright will work with all those mentioned above to assist them with their issues.

Mary Lou asked the members who shop on Amazon.com to sign up for the “Smile Program” in order for Birthright to receive a monetary percentage from their purchases from Amazon.com .

Joan reported that all the amendments were passed for the changes to the Bi-Laws and Constitution.

Rosemary Plesha asked those present under New Business to entertain a motion for any amendments to the By-Laws and Constitution. A motion was made and seconded to change Article I Section I By-Laws to First Vice-President and Second Vice-President. A show of hands resulted in passing the change.

Joan announced that Eileen Birchenough and Terry Furfaro are the 2016 Fashion Show Co-Chairs. They received a round of applause.

Pot of Gold:

A lucky member received \$35.00 from the Pot of Gold Drawing.

Taste of Pawleys tickets were also awarded to two lucky members. Each member received two tickets.

Mystery Gift:

A lucky member received a \$15.00 gift certificate to NY Style Pizza Kitchen.

Kathy Ann Cromwell joined the Women's Club and was welcomed by Joan.

Announcements:

Joan told the members that each year the SCCC Women awards the \$1,500.00 Reverend William F. Pentis Scholarship Award to a lucky high school female senior who will be attending college in the fall. The application deadline is April 15, 2015. Please check the bulletin for information concerning the application process.

First Friday Adoration April 10, 2015

Calendar Meeting after Lunch.

Voting for Slate of Candidates and approval of Grants recommendations will take place at the May General Meeting.

Next Board Meeting April 23, 2015 and next General Meeting May 7, 2015.

Closing Prayer by Ellen Thoennes for Birthright Volunteers and the Prayer Before Meals.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Louanna Sowa
Secretary