

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
MAY 7, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on May 7, 2015. Ellen Thoennes led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Sherry Marnell advised a quorum was present.

Louanna Sowa, Secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of April 2, 2015; being none, the minutes were accepted as read. Correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board.

Financial Report: Rosemary Plesha, Treasurer (absent)
Joan Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Financial Report; being none, the Financial Report was accepted for audit. Total Income for April was \$10,945.00, Total Expenses for April was \$7,808.75, and Overall Total for April was \$3,136.25.

President's Report: Joan M. Brown
Joan informed the members that a winner had been selected for the 2015 Scholarship Grant. The winner and high school will be notified and an announcement will be made at a special assembly. The winner's parents and the winner will attend the June 11, 2015 luncheon at Kimball's Restaurant and at that time a certificate will be presented to the winner. A check will then be sent to the Bursar's Office of the school the winner will be attending once the winner enrolls.

Joan called out a list of names of members and asked them to stand. She thanked them for their contributions to the Women's Club this year. She then asked all those sitting to stand and offered her appreciation to their service to the Women's Club this year.

Joan reminded the members of the final General Meeting of the year on June 4, 2015. She told the members that they needed to bring a "Bag Lunch" and that refreshments and dessert would be provided. She stressed the importance of the meeting that it was a wrap up meeting for the year as well as an introduction to some new business for the upcoming year. She shared that next year will be the "30th Anniversary of the Women's Club at PBOC.

Vice-President's Report: Marianne Anderson

- Boat Trip on Intercoastal Waterway set for May 18, 2015 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Cost: \$30.00. Departs next to River Room Restaurant in Georgetown at the Dock. Suggestion to Carpool due to limited parking in Georgetown.
- Grants Luncheon set for June 11, 2015 at 11:30 AM at Kimbel's at Wachesaw Plantation. Cost: \$20.00. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Awards to Grants Recipients and Scholarship Recipient.
- Welcome Tea is set for August 23, 2015 more information to follow. Chairpersons: Suzanne Harris and Marianne Anderson.
- May 7, 2015 General Meeting Speaker, Ron Byrd, Director of the Guardan Ad Lidem Program for Georgetown County.

Spiritual Facilitator Report: Ellen Thoennes

- Special date to remember: June 13, 2015 – Installation Mass 5:00
- Christians in Middle East – Joan asked members to put together orange ribbons that would be handed on May 23, and May 24 at all the masses. These ribbons signified support for all the Christians who are being persecuted and killed in the Middle East because of their faith. The Knights of Columbus will assist in this endeavor.

Arts and Crafts Report: Co-Chairs – Jan Frieden and Pilar Carboni

The Arts and Crafts Fair will be held in the PLC on October 23 and October 24. There have been 47 Vendor Spaces sold. Majority of the profit from the fair comes from the used book sale, hand-made craft table, Raffles, bake sale, casserole sale, Pot of Gold and Women's Club Café. This year we will also have the "Kitchen Cupboard" which will sell take-out food such as soups, quiches, and casseroles. Jan named the people serving on each of the committees and asked for the members help in making the Arts and Crafts Fair a successful fund-raiser.

Grant's Proposal: Chairperson – Sherry Marnell

Sherry went over the list of grant's recipients, the amount awarded to each recipient, and what the money is used for. Joan M. Brown, the President then asked for the member to vote their approval of the

Grants by a show of hands. The Grants Proposal was passed by a unanimous vote from those present.

Election of Officers: Chairperson Mary Kinzie

Ballots were handed out to members and a vote was taken for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. The positions of First Vice-President and Second Vice-President were unopposed. Joan M. Brown, President, announced the results after the meeting had adjourned.

Ways and Means Report: Co-Chairs – Carol Steinis and Denise Lee
Fundraisers: Belk Charity Sales Tickets was held on May 2, 2015 and \$185.00 was raised. Trunk Show was held on April 16, 2015 and raised over \$500.00. Nancy Szarowicz was the Chairperson of the Trunk Show. They had 15 vendors. Total amount raised with the Belk Charity Sales Tickets, Trunk Show, and Game Day was \$925.00.

Refreshment Report: Co-Chairs: Carole Kaczynski, Debbie O'Brien, and Marcia Boyer.

Joan read the report. Menu: Chicken salad Platter with a side of Abruzzi tomatoes and a croissant. Also Ice Tea and Dessers were offered.

Presentation:

Joan M. Brown, President, presented Louanna Sowa, Secretary, a Rose in appreciation for her service as Secretary for the PBOCC Women's Club this year.

New Business: No new business.

Pot of Gold: tickets were drawn for the Pot of Gold -- \$32.00 awarded to a winner and also tickets were drawn for the table decorations and awarded to winners.

Mystery Gift: a winner received a \$15.00 gift certificate to Rustic Table in Pawleys Island, SC.

Speaker: Ron Byrd, Coordinator of the Guardian Ad Litem Program for Georgetown, SC.

Ron spoke about how his program served children in Foster Care as being their voice within the Court System. He answered questions and gave information on how member of the PBOCC Women's Club could become volunteers.

Announcements:

- Board Meeting: May 28, 2015
- General Meeting: June 4, 2015
- Luncheon Kimball's: June 11, 2015
- Installation Mass: June 13, 2015 after the 5:00 PM Mass
- Prayer Cards and Ribbons for persecuted Christians in the Middle East handed out after all masses on May 23 and 24, 2015.

Grace said by Joan M. Brown, President

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Louanna Sowa
Secretary