

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on June 4, 2015. Ellen Thoennes led the opening prayers. Pilar Carboni led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Morris confirmed that we had a quorum.

Louanna Sowa, Secretary, directed the members to the correspondence posted on the Bulletin Board. Louanna shared a correction to the General Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2015. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the minutes. Being none, the Minutes stood as read and were accepted for file. Louanna told the members that going forward the General Meeting Minutes would be available on the Website and that there would be no further Mass Emails of the minutes sent to members.

Financial Report: Rosemary Plesha, Treasurer

Rosemary stated the Bank Balance for the year was \$34,806.87. The Income for the month was \$1,826.81. She told those present that certain funds are earmarked for the year such as \$25,000.00 for Grants and the Parish, \$2,000.00 for Scholarships, a Reserve Fund of approximately \$2,000.00, and \$3,200.00 for Craft Fair Vendors. The Financial Report was stood as read and was accepted for audit.

Rosemary was presented with a Rose in appreciation for her service this year. Rosemary thanked Joan and the Women's Club for their support this year. Rosemary presented Joan Brown with a gift of appreciation for her service as President this year.

President's Report: Joan Brown

Joan reviewed the changes and additions made to the Women's Club this year. She also shared the upcoming functions. She looks forward to serving the Women's Club in the New Year. Joan thanked Clem Thoennes for his work in creating the Women's Club Web Site and encouraged the members to go to the Web Site for all the information they will need in the upcoming year. Joan thanked those retiring from their Chair positions and announced those who would be stepping up to fill those positions. Carole Kaczyski will be retiring as Chair of

Refreshments for the General Meetings and she will be retiring as Chair of the Auction. Lisa Mahan will be taking on the responsibilities as Chair of Refreshments. Joan Baker will be retiring as Chair for "Sister to Sister" and will take on the role as Publicity Chair. Linda Caswell will be retiring as Chair of Publicity and will take on the role as Membership Chairperson. Kathy Morris will be retiring as Chair of Membership and will take on the role of Treasurer. Joan thanked the membership for all their participation in the Women's Club this year and reminded the members that they are truly "Women Making a Difference."

Vice President's Report: Marianne Anderson

Marianne apologized for the cancellation of the Boat trip scheduled for May 18, 2015. She explained that there was an issue with the boat and that the Coast Guard removed the boat from the water.

June Awards Luncheon is scheduled for June 11, 2015, doors opening at 11:15 AM, at Kimbel's Restaurant. There will be a cash bar. There are still openings and members may purchase tickets at \$20.00 each after the meeting. Marianne thanked Joan Baker for Co-chairing this event.

Marianne reminded members that there was a sign up sheet on the back table for those who would like to help with the "Welcome Tea" which will be held on August 23, 2015. Marianne reminded the members that this upcoming year is our 30th Anniversary of the Women's Club.

Marianne thanked the members for their support this year.

Marianne read an email from Maureen O'Brian a team leader for trips to Medjugorje. The email was a sharing about an incident that occurred on her last trip to Medjugorje that reinforced the need for prayers for Christians who are being persecuted in the Middle East.

Spiritual Facilitator Report: Ellen Thoenness

Special Dates to Remember:

- Adoration Dates – June 5, July 3, and August 7
- Installation Mass – June 13 at 5:00 PM Mass
- Orange Ribbon Project – Christians Persecuted in the Middle East. 1000 ribbons were given out at the masses. Ellen thanked all those who participated in making this project a success.

Committee Reports:

Sister to Sister: Joan Baker

Joan thanked all those on the committee. Joan gave the members the definition of Sister to Sister. She explained that a member was in need of meals and errands run. Joan encouraged those present to see her after the meeting if they are willing to help.

Chit Chat: Nancy Szarowicz

Nancy explained that Chit Chat is a group of ladies from the Women's Club who get together socially for a drink and a snack. The next Chit Chat meeting will be at the N. Litchfield Beach #47 entrance on June 17, 2015 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Please bring a drink and a snack. No glass bottles allowed on the beach. No date scheduled for July Chit Chat.

Exploratory Committee: Sharon Roberts

Sharon presented three ideas for next year: Lecture Series featuring area speakers (social), Cooking Series featuring area Chefs (social), and Dinner Theater, "Tony and Tina's Wedding" (fund raiser) which will be in the planning stages next year and will be presented in 2017- 2018. Sharon thanked her Committee Members.

Church Quilt Project: Wilma Ervine and Eileen Birchenough Co-Chairs

The quilt created will be a gift from the Women's Club to the Church. It will hang in the Narthex. The project starts in October. All materials will be supplied. Bring sewing machine on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 to PLC.

Pot of Gold: \$23.00 awarded to Kathy Morris, winner.

Mystery Gift: Gift certificate to Bo Weevil's Café and Sweetery awarded to Lucianne Slomkowski

Announcements:

Jean Mudd, Scholarship Chair, announced the winner of the Scholarship is Annie Arneman. Annie is the daughter of Dana and Maureen Arneman. Annie received a \$2,000.00 scholarship. Annie will be attending the College of Charleston. Annie is also the Youth

Representative on Parish Council. Joan read the Thank You note sent by Annie to the Women's Club.

Marsha Olenchok, Chair of Greeters, is in need of volunteers to sign up as Greeters at the Masses.

Joan urged all the members to continue to check the Women's Club Website for updates.

July 9, 2015 - Heritage Golf Tournament: The Golf Tournament is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, VFW, and American Legion for the purpose of raising funds to build a Wall Memorial; sponsorship is available, contact Clem Thoennes.

Deanery Meeting on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 9:30 AM at St. James Catholic Church in Conway, SC. There will be a light lunch afterwards.

Grants Award Luncheon at Kimbel's June 11, 2015. Doors open at 11:30 AM.

Board Meeting June 25, 2015 at 9:00 AM at PLC.

Memorial Mass tomorrow at 10:00 AM for Edward McAlister.

Carole Kaczynski thanked her committee and also thanked the members for their support this year. She also thanked those who participated in the Tideland Hospital Event.

Closing Prayer and Grace by Ellen Thoennes.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05.

Respectively Submitted,

Louanna Sowa,
Secretary

