

BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on September 10, 2015 by President, Joan M. Brown. The opening prayer was led by Father Pat who commended the work accomplished by the Women's Club, then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE: Sabina Kowalski, Acting Secretary asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of June 4, 2015; being none, the minutes were accepted as read. Correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Before the Financial Report, Joan addressed the Bishop's letter advising that any type of raffles or games of chance, be it on or off campus for Ministries of the church was not allowed. Joan emphasized that we would have to restructure the thinking and planning of our fundraising efforts. Joan was confident that the membership, because of their skills and abilities would come up with good solutions.

Kathy Morris, Treasurer provided the following report:

August Financial Report: Balance in the account as of August 31 -\$9,674.34 ...Pennies from Heaven - \$630.05...Craft Fair Income- \$4,460.00 ...International Project Reserve from 2014-2015* - \$250.00

Net Operating Income - \$4,334.29

*International Project Vote for disbursement of 2014-2015 funds.

It came to the Board's attention that the International Project contribution was not voted on by the membership when the Grants were voted on in the spring. I would like a motion that these funds be approved for payment to the San Pedro Medical Mission in Guatemala so that these funds can be disbursed and removed from reserves. Motion for this donation was accepted by Linda Cimadon and seconded by Sherry Marnell.

Budget Presentation 2015-2016:

The Board has had some challenges in preparing a budget for the Women's Club's upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year. Based on the ruling from the Bishop regarding raffles of any kind, we must remove several line items from our previous income categories. It also reduces the income we receive at the Arts and Crafts Festival and Fashion Show, which ultimately affects our Contribution and Grant monies.

- Monthly meetings, we can no longer hold our Mystery Gift or our Pot of Gold (\$717)
- Craft Fair, we can no longer have the "Prize Table" (\$1690) or the Pot of Gold (\$1017) which had been allocated to cover our "Usage fee" for the PLC
- Fashion Show, we can no longer have the "Prize Basket" raffles as we have in the past. (\$8321)

Total - \$11,745

Kathy believes we are proposing a very conservative budget which behooves us to be more “creative” in our fundraising efforts.

Presented also, was the proposed budget based on the “Allocation” of Funds” section of our by-laws, to better show how our monies are disbursed throughout the year.

- 1) Ways and Means – this section covers all of our Club’s Operating income and expenses.
- 2) Craft Fair and Fashion Show – this section shows proceeds from these two events being allocated ONLY to Donations (or Contributions), Scholarship, and Grants.
- 3) Auction – numbers are based on last year’s actual – All monies are donated to Charity. Pennies from Heaven – This is tracked as a separate fund, and monies collected will be allocated for Stations of the Cross Books for the Parish and the Quilt Project, as both of these expenses will benefit the Parish.

Motion accepted for August Financial Report by Jessica Dezendorf and seconded by Carole Kaczynski.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

Joan congratulated Marianne and her committee for a very successful Welcome Tea. Encouraged the membership to use the web site – it is our informational highway. A well informed membership is an organization’s best asset.

The Belk Charity Sale which is a Ways & Means fundraising event will bring in monies which will go to the operational costs of the club, naming two, the usage fee and augmenting the lunches at the General Meetings. Reminded membership of the weekly golf league and the new endeavor the “Lecture Series” spearheaded by Sharon Roberts.

The Board Members and the Chairs/CO were introduced.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan addressed the concerns of some members about our membership in the South Carolina Catholic Conference of Women.

Joan addressed these concerns at the July Board Meeting. It was unanimously agreed upon by the board members that these concerns were to be presented to the membership at the Sept. General meeting for review and also if WC should consider if a vote is in order to renew or not renew our 2015-2016 membership in the SCCCW. If a vote is called for, a motion has to be made from the floor, seconded and approved by the membership. If no motion is made, Joan said we will continue as before as members in the SCCCW. If the motion for a vote is approved, the voting will take place in the October General meeting by secret ballot. Joan encouraged going forth, WC conduct a yearly review of all our commitments and finances. It will give members a clear idea of where we are, help establish goals etc – if adjustments have to be made, we can be pro-active not re-active in our decision making. Joan emphasized: Reviewing our membership should be clearly understood by all members – it is not in any way

to be construed that the integrity of the SCCCW is being impugned or questioned. The purpose of the review is for clarity. The facts were presented – our history as members of the SCCCW – financial obligations, breakdown of how much dues each affiliate of MYR Deanery paid in 2014-2015, donations, meeting attendance and the 2016 State Convention in Myrtle Beach, hosted by the MYR Deanery.

After the presentation, Joan set aside 10 minutes for questions and comments. After the 10 minute period closed – A motion was made from the floor by Ellen Thoennes to have a vote determining if we renew or not renew our 2015-2016 membership as part of the SCCCW. The motion was seconded by Ellen Vignone and approved. The vote will take by secret ballot at the October General Meeting. A question was asked as to where the people who are dedicated to the SCCCW, the members would like to hear from them as to their thoughts on the SCCCW. Joan replied that Judy Zahar planned to attend the meeting but a medical problem arose and she had a Doctor's appointment at the same time of our meeting, if possible she would attend after her appointment. Marcia Boyer was attending the National Catholic Council Conference in Florida. Joan also thanked Sharon Roberts for her donation of a camera for visual aids at our meeting.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT:

1. Father Pat – Opening Prayer, Welcome women and thank them for their good works, Adoration time change from 2 – 3 PM to 9 -10 AM, Discuss importance of liturgical ministries, Positive way to worship God and serve others
2. Special Dates to Remember – Gabe Timpano funeral services this weekend, Adoration, Friday, October 2nd, Day of Prayer, Tuesday, February 9, 2016, Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper, Friday, March 18, 2016, Communion Luncheon, April 10, 2016
3. Program Focus for the year – Liturgical Ministries, Request ministers to list ministries via WC website
4. Adoration – Women's Club time changed to 9 AM – 10 AM
5. Day of Prayer – Centered on Holy Family, Focus on St. Joseph, the guardian of the Holy Family, include both men and women, Signup sheet for volunteers
6. Station of Cross Booklets – Women's Club Mary's Way of the Cross one week before Good Friday
7. Closing Prayers – Gabe & Jo Timpano, Grace

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Linda Caswell reported 125 members which includes 13 new members and 1 returning member. There will be a signup sheet for a Greeting Committee to make new members comfortable and have them feel welcome

Arts and Crafts Festival: Report submitted by Jan Frieden. We have sold 71 vendor spaces. A Silent Auction is replacing the prize table.

Nancy Szarowicz is chairing the committee. She reports that they are in need of arts, crafts or related items for the auction. We are also in need of books for the used book sale. Crafters have been busy making items for the craft table and we can use more.

The Kitchen Cupboard is new this year. Pam Bilella, co-chair of the Kitchen Cupboard reports that they will be selling homemade Minestrone and Chicken Rice soups by the quart. The homemade soups will be on the Café menu. Shepherd's pie is a new addition to the standard Chicken Pot pie. Jams, jellies and pickles will also be available. If you make these items please consider donating them to the sale. Flyers for the Festival are available and please take some and distribute them to businesses for posting of this event. High attendance is crucial to our success.

WAYS AND MEANS: Carol Steinis is promoting the "Belk Charity Sale" which will be held Saturday, Nov. 7th from 6-10 AM. There is a Pre-sale date also on Nov. 3rd from 6-10 AM. This sale supports local charities and schools. Game Day will occur in February 2016 with Carole Kaczynski as co-chair person. There will be a second "Belk Sale" in April and a possible Trunk Show. Please see Carol for tickets for the November "Belk Charity" sale.

OUT AND ABOUT GROUP REPORT (SOCIAL): Lecture Series proposed by Sharon Roberts will take place on Sept. 14th featuring Charles Sacavage a renowned speaker and authority on the "Holocaust" in Founders Hall at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 and light refreshments will be served. The second Lecture Series will feature the "History of Georgetown" with Mary Boyd. These lectures will occur on the second Monday of each month.

Movie and Lunch Group: Interested members for this group may sign up at anytime in 2015-2016. Each member will be contacted with details when a movie outing is planned. Tentative fall movie and lunch dates are September 22nd and October 27th. Usually we will meet in the PLC parking lot at 11:30 AM, go to lunch nearby, and then proceed to the movie theater at Inlet Square Mall. There are about 10 different films being shown. Carpools will be provided. The event is open to all women of the parish and their friends. If you forget to sign up or have questions, please call Judy Zachar at 235-7552. Mary Kinzie read report for Judy Zachar.

Pilar Carboni will collect money for the "Alabama Theater" group and Lunch at the October General Meeting. Cost for ticket is \$58.00 proposed date is November 10th.

The Chit Chat Group was presented by Barbara Dymond. They will meet at Moes BBQ on September 17 from 5-7 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER AND GRACE: Ellen Thoennes led the members in Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Sabina Kowalski, Acting Secretary