

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on October 1, 2015 by President, Joan M. Brown. There was a change in meeting set up which lends itself to a more relaxed atmosphere. Our business meeting comes first followed by the social aspect. Joan will ask by the end of the meeting by a show of hands if you approve of the new set up, we will continue, if majority do not approve we will return to the old set up.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was led by our Spiritual Facilitator, Ellen Thoennes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes/CORRESPONDENCE

Sabina Kowalski, Acting Secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of September 10, 2015. Nancy Szarowicz advised that there was an omission of the "Chit Chat" Club report which will be added to the minutes of September 10th. Correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board including recently received mail.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Morris, Treasurer, provided the following report: As of 9-30-15 the balance is \$10,454.05; Pennies from Heaven - \$38.81 deposited with a balance of \$668.86 All Carryover Reserves have been accounted for (Joy School, Scholarship, International Project) Craft Fair: Craft Fair Income - \$5100.00; Craft Fair Expenses - \$254.14 Rosemary Plesha has confirmed she will be filling in for me at the Craft Fair with Money Collections. We will also be accepting credit card payments for larger purchases with a minimum of \$25.00 Motion to accept report was Ellen Thoennes and seconded by Debbie Clatterbuck.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Joan M. Brown, President reported the following:

Doors close, Windows open – familiar adage – last year's survey members requested that more social activities be offered. Due to the efforts and planning of several members, Windows have been opened - a weekly golf league has been established, chef demonstrations, lecture series, quilt project, and trips planned. We are a "happening" group, I hope everyone will take the opportunity to explore and participate in what is behind these opened windows!

Last month I spoke of the need for "creative thinking" pertaining to our fundraising endeavors. I spoke also of "thinking outside the box" and perhaps working outside of our

comfort zone. I also referred to the adage “When a door closes a window opens”. Ladies...a window has opened! Meeting with Bill Sturgeon, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, PBOC in regard to Raffles/Fashion Show led to the following information:

The Knight’s are willing to work with us to insure the success of our Fashion Show in keeping with the guidelines set forth regarding raffles. As you know the Knights are an International Organization – exempt from raffles being sold off campus.

Fashion Show tickets – Stamp on the backs of the ticket – Raffles sponsored by K of C – they will do the actual drawing of the winning tickets. The Knights will be distinguished by wearing their name tags – maybe some might consent to join in the modeling. I encourage our members whose husbands are in the Knights, that they take part. I look at this as exercise in FUN. The first 3 letters in spelling Fundraising is FUN. What could be a better way to keep the fun in fundraising? The Knights are putting a committee together; they will meet with our Fashion Show committee chairs and hammer out the nitty gritty details.

Bottom line – The Fashion Show is a GO!

Regarding Father Pat’s Kitchen: Thursdays & Saturdays... looking for volunteers on a monthly basis rather than monthly support by ministries?

Some housekeeping reminders: The Arts & Crafts Festival is the 23 & 24 of this month – much planning and work has gone into making this a success. We have been faced with some challenges, however everything is being done to rise above these challenges into turning lemons into lemonade. This takes team work – EVERY member’s help is needed, either baking, cooking casseroles, soup making, serving & prepping the menu for the Café, working shifts at the book stall, craft & prize tables, Selling at the Kitchen Cupboard, where ever you feel you could help. I am asking you to please lend a hand. Remember the uniform colors are red & black.

Monthly Lunches: This month we ran into a communication snafu, coming up short with members available to help preparing the intended menu, prep work, clean up etc. We are a very unique club, serving monthly lunches is a rarity for most organizations, where can you have lunch for \$1.20? This is an integral part of our monthly meetings. Budget planning shows we are faced with budget restraints. A thought was floated to eliminate lunch and or go back to “brown bags” which was unanimously agreed by the board to recognize the importance of a lunch, socialization, catching up on the latest “skinny” with friends. Much work and planning goes into the organization of the monthly lunches. Please consider joining the “spatula brigade” and contact Lisa Mahan by phone or email. Today, after lunch, please consider staying a while and lend a hand in clean up. Many hands lighten the load.

Sister – dues – hoop skirts – lunch – pick her up off the floor

OLD BUSINESS

Change of order – members who have to leave early - want everyone to be able to vote.

Vote on renewal of the club’s membership in the SCCCW. Vote refers to club membership only, does not include individual memberships that are available, that is your personal choice. Your ballot is your voice. Before the voting took place, Marlene Grover, President of the SCCCW spoke to the membership. After Marlene’s address, the voting took place. The voting results were as follows: 17 members voted in favor of membership renewal, 49 voted against. The

PBOCCWC will not renew its membership in the SCCCW. The members who voted in favor of renewal were encouraged to apply for individual Membership in the SCCCW.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR

Ellen Thoennes led members in the prayer of the “Our Father” for Barbara Belfatto and Bernice Rucker as well as family members of our club.

Day of Prayer will be on February 9, 2016 featuring Beth Sprinkle from All Saints Episcopal Church with the spiritual talk on “Joseph”. Ellen presented Debbie Barnett of the usher ministry to express their need for ushers. They will work with you in regard to time schedules. Your participation would be most appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Linda Caswell reported that our membership is up to 149 members and asked for help for the Greeting Committee in relation to new member’s comfort in the club. Ellen Vignone and Ellen are co-chairs for the Chef Demonstrations. They have 8 people on the committee who will help with set up and clean up. We asked some members what type of demonstrations they would like to see and the consensus was an Appetizer demonstration. Max Goree of Pawley’s Island Bakery was asked to do the demonstration. It was decided after meeting with Max the best environment would be using the PLC kitchen to demonstrate while the ladies stood around the table. We were only able to have 25-30 people. An e-blast went out and Ellen called those who don’t have e-mail. Tickets will be sold on first come first serve basis at the October meeting and only open to members. The cost would be \$5.00. We were not able to accommodate more people, hopefully everyone understands. Ellen is planning another demonstration in January or February perhaps allowing more to attend.

Ways and Means: Carol Steinis and Denise Lee reported the following: Tickets for the Belk’s Charity Sale are being sold today before the meeting. The date of the sale is Saturday, November 7 from 6 to 10 AM (but you can preshop starting November 1). Tickets are \$5 and you get \$5 back when you make a purchase. All proceeds from the sale of the tickets goes directly to the Women’s Club . This is an important fundraiser for Ways and Means. We will be selling tickets after the Masses the weekends of October 24 and 25 and October 31 and November 1. There is a sign up sheet if you would like to volunteer to sell these tickets. We encourage members to try and sell these tickets to family and friends. Thank you for your support. Carole Kazcinski and Sue Rovner are co-chairing the Game Day. More information will be provided at the November Meeting.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL: Pilar Carboni thanked all the committee members who have helped structure the festival and asked for the donation of more help to make this event a success. Announcements by individuals in charge were made explaining all the various items for sale, prize table, different prepared foods that will be available, book sale and vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

Windows opening....helping in other ways than just financial as in collecting toiletries from hotel travels, contacting your dentist for dental hygiene supplies, your hairdresser etc. Beverly Kennedy offered to pick up items. At the November meeting, a container will be available to deposit such items. Please understand no one is being asked to purchase these items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Belk tickets are on sale – will also be available for sale after the Masses the weekends of Oct 24 & 25, Oct 31 & Nov 1

Please sign up to help with the sale of the Belk tickets after the Masses.

Keep in mind, the monies received from the projects and events planned by the Ways & Means Committee goes to augment the club's operational expenses, such as our usage fee & lunch costs.

Cooking demo with Max Goree after the November meeting at 1:30pm will have 25-30 people based on a first come first served basis.

Christmas Party – Dec 3rd – Oceans One – menu will be available at the Nov. meeting. Jean Sacani is assisting Marianne in the planning of the event. Ticket price will remain the same as last year - \$24 – there is a signup sheet and it would be appreciated that you sign up today to give the committee an indication of interest. More information will be forthcoming and tickets will be on sale at the Nov. meeting. When you purchase your ticket you will make your menu selection. The luncheon is a wonderful way to fill you with Holiday Spirit.

Out & About Groups:

Lunch/movie: The next movie and lunch bunch outing will be Tues. Oct. 27th. Please contact Judy if you plan to attend.

Chit Chat: Nancy Szarowicz announced a change to their name, now called “Sip & Chat”. Their next meeting will be at the home of Jessica Dezendorf on Oct.15th from 5- 7 pm. Please bring your drink of choice. Please sign up before leaving the meeting if you intend to be there.

Quilt Project: First meeting will be Tues.,Oct. 13th at 9:30 at the PLC. All you need is a basic knowledge of quilting and a sewing machine. Please contact Eileen Birchenough, Wilma Ervin or Donna Owens. The WC will supply all the necessary fabric & patterns. All the information is in the bulletin.

Lecture Series: The lecture will take place on Oct. 12th , 7:00 pm at the PLC. The speaker will be Mary Boyd, of the Georgetown County Museum on the topic of “History of Georgetown”.

General Meeting – Nov. 5thRemember Christmas Party Tickets go on sale at the meeting.

Board Meeting – Oct. 22nd

Meeting Set UpStay the same but move the ambo & microphone for better sound & hearing capabilities.

Closing Prayer and Grace: Ellen Thoennes led the members in prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Sabina Kowalski, Acting Secretary