

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on November 5, 2015 by President, Joan M. Brown.

OPENING PRAYER

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

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Sabina Kowalski, Secretary, asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of October 1, 2015. Linda Caswell called it to my attention that typed the name Ellen where Linda's name should have been. Correction has been made. Correspondence was posted on the Bulletin Board and copies of the General Meeting were available for those who do not have computers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash Balance as of 9-30-15 = \$20,901.76

Pennies from Heaven - \$10.63 deposited; Balance = \$633.49

CRAFT FAIR Report is attached to Monthly Treasurer Report:

Craft Fair income - \$16,888.86

Craft Fair expenses - \$1,621.53

Special thanks to all the members that donated food, crafts and craft supplies, & time to keep the expenses to a minimum! Kathy thanked Rosemary Plesha and Joan Brown for handling the finances.

The Net Proceeds available for Donations and Grants - \$15,267.33. Also received \$1,680 in prepaid Vendor Fees for Craft Fair 2016, and this will be held in reserves.

Bernice Rucker Donations – Bernice Rucker's family requested in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the Women's Club Charities.

If anyone wishes to contribute to a specific Charity of their choice in her name, donations should be made individually. The Women's Club will include any checks received into the "Grant Fund" to be dispersed according to the Grant Committee's recommendations and membership vote. Kathy will be accepting these donations today, or you can leave them in the WC Mailbox or mail to Kathy directly.

OFFICER'S REPORT – PRESIDENT

Joan M. Brown, President, addressed a sensitive issue that took place at the October general meeting. Joan assured members that this was a one-time incident and is not indicative of how our meetings are conducted. Marlene Grover, the President of the SCCCW spoke at the October meeting. Marlene indicated that she was denied the opportunity to speak to you about the Council Membership and was put off until November. Joan stated that Marlene's charge was a misleading statement and Joan wished to clarify.

Joan referenced a meeting, an invitation was sent from Marlene Grover to all the MYR Deanery presidents and interested members to a 2016 State Convention planning session. This meeting took place on August 26th at St. Andrew's Church. At the end of the meeting, Marlene Grover announced that she wanted to speak to all the MYR Deanery affiliate members in September or October telling them all about the up-coming 2016 State Convention that would be held in MYR Beach, hosted by the MYR Beach Deanery. Joan sent an e-mail to Marlene stating September and November were busy months due to our first big fundraiser, but Marlene was welcome to come in November to speak about the 2016 State Convention.

Joan read the e-mail to the membership. After reading the e-mail, Joan expressed the hope that after listening to the e-mail sent to Marlene, this would clarify her misstatement and put the issue to rest.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Joan congratulated the CO/CHAIRS Pilar Carboni and Jan Freiden on a job well done and extended a heartfelt thanks to all the Committee Chairs and their workers who participated in making the 2015 A&C Festival a success.

Housekeeping Item: Joan reminded everyone that the Family Justice Center is in need of Hygiene items. Joan asked everyone to please keep them in mind when traveling (hotel complimentary toiletries) or visiting your dentist or hairdresser, travel items, sample items are most appreciated for those who are seeking a safe haven. A plastic container will be available at the meetings to deposit your items.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Christmas Luncheon – December 3, 2015

Time....11:30....Luncheon served at 12:15 PM

Place....Austin's Ocean One, Litchfield Beach

Price....\$24.00/PP

Entrees....All Day Braised Beef Rib with Sides or Austin's Shrimp & Grits

Sign-up sheet at the back table....Please pay at this time. There is a notice in the Church Bulletin for those who are not at this meeting and also listed on the Website. Marianne Anderson can be contacted by phone or e-mail.

Christmas Donations for the clients of the Family Justice Center will be most appreciated. They are in need of specific items....list at the sign-up table. Please do not wrap gifts, but place them in a holiday bag.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT

Opening Prayer by Ellen Thoennes

Elizabeth Ann Seton and Victims of Abuse

Special Dates to Remember: Adoration – Friday, Nov. 6th, 9-10 AM

Day of Prayer – Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper, Friday March 18, 2016

Communion Luncheon, April 10th

Program: Review of Pope's Visit by Carole Kaczynski and Liturgical Ministries Choir – Will perform song "Mama Mia"

Adoration: Women's Club time changed to 9AM – 10AM

Gain a closer relationship with Jesus Christ; Positive response in October

Day of Prayer: Centered on Holy Family; Focus on St. Joseph, the Guardian of the Holy Family; Please share your treasures; include both men & women; February 9, 2016, 8AM until 1:30PM, sequence of events; registration in January, limit 200.

Stations of the Cross: Women's Club – Mary's Way of the Cross – one week before Good Friday;
Simple Supper – Kathy Frank, Chairperson
Closing Prayers & Grace

COMMITTEE REPORT

Sunshine Report – Kathy Knittel & Nancy McMahon

September 10, 2015 – October 28, 2015

PBOC Mass Cards – Ruthann Howard, Barbara Belfatto, Bernice Rucker

Sympathy Cards – Betty Seibert

Get Well Cards – Bonnie Eaglin, Pat Bowen, Bernice Rucker

Membership – Linda Caswell – We have 165 members, including 15 new members.

Ways & Means – Denise Lee and Carol Steinis – The Belk Charity Sale was a huge success (we are still selling tickets today). Our Sales totaled (I will fill this amount in tomorrow after I see what was sold after the Masses, we will be over \$400). Thank you for your support in this important fund raiser for the club.

Game Day will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, at Ryan's and will be co-chaired by Carole Kaczynski and Sue Rovener. Tickets will be on sale starting at the January meeting. Carole and Sue are looking for donations to be used as prizes for the event. The cost of the game day will be \$15 and includes lunch and prizes.

OLD BUSINESS

Lisa Mahan who is our Refreshment Chairperson is turning in her apron and will be leaving us in January. Pat Farkas has agreed to put on the apron and chef's hat and take Lisa's place. As always, Carole Kaczynski has agreed to help out when needed.

For the members who have known and those members who are new, Bernice Rucker had been the editor and chief of our newsletter, THE MESSENGER. During Bernice's illness she worked closely with Jessica Dezendorf, guiding Jessica on how to launch a newsletter. Now with the passing of Bernice, Jessica with the help of Sharon Roberts will take over the reins of editorship. The Messenger will now be on our WC website. Only hard copies will be available to those members who do not have internet service. Joan encouraged anyone having interest in the newsletter, please contact Sharon or Jessica. Help would be appreciated.

NEW BUSINESS

Eileen Birchenough and Terry Furfaro have agreed to CO/CHAIR the Fashion Show event. They have assembled members to head many of the committees, however help is greatly needed in securing Co/Chairs for the Prize Patrol. It is the backbone of this fundraising project. All the proceeds from this endeavor support our grants program. It works like the domino effect – no prizes, no raffles, no money raised, no grants program!

The Fashion Show's success is predicated on monies raised through raffles. The Knight's of Columbus have generously stepped in to help us by sponsoring the raffles. "Foot Soldiers" are needed to solicit the prizes. Joan asked members at the meeting to ask their favorite hairdresser, nail salon, or restaurant for a donation. Joan told the membership that we have to keep in mind the purpose of the Fashion Show fundraiser. It's sole purpose is to help augment financially several local community charities that serve disadvantaged people in the Pawleys Island area.

The bottom line: The CO/CHAIRS have approximately one month to accomplish the following: tickets printed, sponsor letters sent out, menus to be decided upon – all this has to be ready – the tickets for the show go on sale at the January 7, 2016 general meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jessica Dezendorf – FS sponsors

Sip & Chat – Nancy Szarowicz

Deanery – Judy Zachar

First Friday Adoration – November 6th, 9 – 10AM

Lecture Series – Monday, November 9th

Belk Charity Sale – still time to purchase your tickets for the sale on November 7th

Christmas Party Tickets are on sale now. The luncheon is at Ocean's One, Thursday, December 3rd

Book Launch – Our own WC member, Sharon Shymanski Roberts – Join the celebration of Sharon's first book, "My Journey, His Plan", a Christian-based book.

Meet the proud author: November 6th, 4:30 to 6:00 PM at Waccamaw Library

November Board Meeting – Thursday, November 19th, 9:00 AM
Next General Meeting – Thursday, January 7, 2016

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabina Kowalski