

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on February 4, 2016 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 January 21, 2016, being none, the minutes were accepted as read. Correspondence was placed on the bulletin board and copies of the minutes are available for those who do not have computers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathleen Morris, Treasurer, reported the following:

Balance in Account - \$39,085.51

Pennies from Heaven - \$712.06

Craft Sale Proceeds - \$14,823.33

Craft Fair Reserves for 2016 - \$1750

Sponsorship for Fashion Show - \$3800

Fashion Show Net in Account (to date) - \$13,491

Net Available for Operations - \$4,509.12

Budget Report for first half of year, showing Budget vs Actuals is available for review.

Auction Report is complete and details will be announced during Committee reports.

Financial Report was accepted as read by Marilyn DuPlessis and Karen Lilly.

OFFICER'S REPORT – PRESIDENT

President Joan Brown reminded members that Game Day Tickets for Wednesday, February 17th must be paid by the February 4th General Meeting. A minimum of 25 people are needed to make Game Day happen.

Congratulations are in order to the Co/Chairs of 2016 Tideland Hospice Auction, Peggy Gilbert, Paula Gromults and Veronica Bucello. The Auction was an overwhelming success.

The Grants committee has been busy receiving requests from local charities seeking funds to augment their endeavors. The Scholarship Committee has contacted the High School leaving applications for students who wish to apply for our Scholarship program.

Next Tuesday, the Day of Prayer will take place, followed by the beginning of Lent on Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

Our second big Fundraiser, The Fashion Show is Saturday March 12th. This year's theme is ALOHA. Reports from CO/Chairs, Eileen Birchenough and Terry Furfaro, confirm smooth progression and many thanks to the Knights for their support aiding with raffles and some are modeling.

In April we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary with a Communion breakfast and at our April General meeting we will host our annual Baby Shower for Birthright.

The nominating Chair, Mary Kinzie and her committee will be canvassing the membership for a slate of candidates to serve as Executive Officers for the WC 2016 – 2017 year.

At the February Board Meeting, the board will review where we are to date financially. We will review our incomes from our Dues and Ways & Means. They are critical in sustaining our operational expenses. If any adjustments and or changes are evident or needed when reviewing the data, the Board will make a recommendation(s) and present them to the membership at the March General Meeting.

We are still in need of Co/chairs for the 2016 Arts & Crafts Festival. Help is needed – please offer your help or agree to help when asked.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Marianne Anderson reported the following:

The Communion Brunch to be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016

Will follow the 10:30 AM Mass

To be held at The Litchfield Country Club Dining Room

Brunch Buffet

Cost is \$22.00 per person

Sign - up sheet at the back table, please pay upon signing up.

The Grant's luncheon to be held on June 9, 2016 will be at Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort in The Francis Marion Room. There will be three menu choices. The cost will be \$20 payable at sign up at the April meeting.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT

Ellen Thoennes reported the following:

Opening Prayer – Elizabeth Ann Seton & Victims of Abuse

Special Dates to Remember –

Adoration – Friday, Feb. 5, 9 – 10 AM; Day of Prayer - Tuesday, February 9, 2016; Ash

Wednesday, Feb. 10; Stations of the Cross & Simple Supper, Friday, March 18, 2016;

Communion Luncheon, April 10; Installation, June 11, 2016, 5 PM

Day of Prayer-

Centered on the Holy Family; Focus on St. Joseph, the guardian of the Holy Family on Feb.9, 2016 – 8 AM until 1:30 PM; Registration limited to 200, presently over 190 attendees; Thank you to the near 100 members who have volunteered to make this day special.

Stations of the Cross – Women's Club Mary's Way of the Cross one week before Good Friday, you will see the passion of Christ through Mary's eyes.

Simple supper - Kathy Frank chairing.

Program – Communion Service – Lakes, Phil Brice

Mr. Brice explained the procedure of Communion distribution and that there was a need for four or more ministers of the Eucharist.

Closing Prayers and Grace

COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership – Linda Caswell reported:

We presently have 172 members and a potential new member, Rose Lang who was introduced to the membership. Linda thanked everyone for their prayer for her son who had surgery

Ways & Means – Denise Lee and Carol Steinis reported:

Game Day is Wednesday, February 17 – we need at least 25 people for this event – sign-up sheets are at the meeting today. Sue Rovner and Carole Kaczynski are the co-chairs for this event. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and prizes.

The Irish Soda Bread Sale will be the weekend of March 12 & 13. There are sign-up sheets for bakers. Ingredients will be distributed to the bakers at the March 3 General Meeting. Regina Stoetzer and Sandi Goulet are the co-chairs.

As always, your continued support for these fund raisers that help defray the operating costs of the Women' Club is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction Report by Peggy Gilbert: Graciously thanked all those who participated in preparing the Auction and making it a successful event. Tideland's truck took away all the items not sold for their thrift store. The credit card sales amounted to \$628.00 and all the other sales amounted to \$2403.00.

Fashion Show Report by Eileen Birchenough and Terry Furfaro: The progress being made for the Fashion Show is moving along smoothly by the various committee members. Eileen especially noted the work on the paper flowers as well as other tasks being worked on. A truly commendable task by all involved. Eileen mentioned there is a need for raffle ticket sellers at the Fashion Show.

The quilting squares are beautiful which will be placed in the Church.

Lecture Series Report by Sharon Roberts:

In January we had our smallest crowd ever, but one our most and entertaining events, as Allan and Patty Guazzo taught us the basic shag steps. Allan was a fountain of information about the Shag and his presentation was very well received.

February 8th, 2016 will be the next lecture series event. Teddy Roosevelt (Charles Sacavage) and his wife Edith (Mary) will join us for this presentation as we delve deeper into the life of one our beloved presidents. The presentation begins at 7 PM. Doors to the PLC open at 6:30 PM. We will be in classrooms 1 & 2. As always refreshments will be available and the event is free but donations are welcome.

Remaining lecture series events are:

The Holy Land March 14th – Rose and John Plesha

Personal Finance, April 11th – Kathleen Coppola

Mission to Guatemala, May 9th – Luciann Slomkowski

Packing it Up! , June 13th – Sherry Marnell

The lecture committee will meet at Pawleys Island Bakery, Monday, March 14th at 11 AM for our planning session for the new lecture series which will begin again in September, 2016. Anyone who would like to join us is invited. There is a sign- up sheet for joining our committee at the back tables.

NEW BUSINESS

Bernice Rucker Memorial Fund:

At the January Board meeting, Joan made a suggestion to donate the \$905.00 collected for Bernice's memorial fund to be given in her name to Father Pat's Kitchen. Reason being, an article appeared in the local paper citing all the meals served at Father Pat's Kitchen and how it came into being. In the article she found that Bernice was one of the principles in the creation and organization of the kitchen. Joan called Eric, Bernice's husband and shared the idea with him and he was very much in favor of the idea.

The question being, should we designate giving the money to Fr. Pat's Kitchen in Bernice's name or keep it as part of our Grant's program?

The Board unanimously agreed to give the money to Fr. Pat's Kitchen. Secondly, Joan asked the Board if they would agree to an expenditure of \$95 to add to the \$905 donated to even the contribution to Fr. Pat's Kitchen to \$1000. The Board agreed unanimously.

The Board made a recommendation that the membership have a YES or NO hand vote on accepting their recommendations. If the vote is NO, the Memorial Fund will remain in the Grants program.

Questions were proposed by Joan: 1. Should the PBOCC WC donate the \$905 Bernice Rucker Memorial Fund to Fr. Pat's Kitchen? 2. Will the PBCC WC be in agreement to an expenditure of \$95 to add to the existing \$905 Bernice Rucker Memorial Fund equaling \$1000 total.

Joan asked for a motion from the floor that we have a hand vote on the two proposed questions. The motion was accepted by Mary Ann MacDonald and seconded by Nancy McMahan. Before the voting took place, Yvonne Chadwick volunteered to donate the \$95 to make a \$1000 donation for Bernice Rucker Memorial fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed: CO/Chairs for the Arts & Crafts Festival

OUT & ABOUT GROUPS

SIP & CHAT: Nancy Szarowicz not present;

LUNCH & MOVIE GROUP: Judy Zachar announced the movie & lunch date: Feb.11, Thursday, will meet in the Bi-Lo parking lot; lunch at the Dead Dog Saloon at Inlet Square Mall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabina Kowalski