

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on March 3, 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 February 5, 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 - \$40,147.33

Reserves:

Pennies from Heaven - \$737.73

Fashion Show (Net to Date) - 14,866.47

Craft Fair 2015 (Budgeted Don. & Grants) - 14,823.33

Craft Fair 2016 Reserves - 1,820.00

Auction (Tidelands Hospice) – 2,403.81

Net in Operating Account – 5,495.99

OFFICER'S REPORT – PRESIDENT

President, Joan Brown reported the following:

The presentation of Bernice Rucker Memorial Fund to Father Pat's Kitchen will take place at the April General meeting due to Father Pat's absence.

Arts & Crafts CO/Chairs for 2016 will be Debbie Clatterbuck & Sabina Kowalski. Sandi Goulet and Debbie O'Brien will be shadowing the CO/Chairs this year so they can step into the Chair position for the 2017 Arts & Crafts Festival. Hopefully we can start to earnestly encourage "shadowing" for our many committee Chairs and also Special Events Chairs that take place yearly for smooth transitions.

I am reminding all Committee Chairs to please ready your reports which should include all pertinent information, as to how your committee functions, its activities and its goals. The

preferred method is putting the information on a flash drive, however if have a short report, a written report is fine. Please have this information in readiness and submit for the May General meeting. I would like to assemble all the information and be able to pass it on to the new Officers in June. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

On Monday, March 14th I will be getting a total knee replacement. I want to advise the membership that while I am recuperating The Women's Club will be in good hands thanks to the very capable officers and board members. If there is any urgent problem, please contact our Vice-President, Marianne Anderson. I plan to be at the April 7, General meeting.

Birthright Baby Shower – April 7th – Margaret Gerrity and Eileen Topor

Nominating Committee – April 7th – Mary Kinzie, Linda Caswell and Gloria Starrick

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Marianne Anderson, Vice President reported the following:

Communion Brunch, April 10, 2016, Litchfield Country Club after 10:30 Mass.... Doors open 11:30 AM

Sign-up sheet available today, husbands are welcome; Space is limited to 60...\$22/pp

Menu of buffet items is on the bulletin board & flyers are available as well.

Sign –up sheet for the June Grants Luncheon will be available at the April meeting for those who are unaware, the luncheon will be held at “The Francis Marion Room” at the Litchfield resort.

We will have a special Anniversary Lunch after the June meeting. We have celebrated these past 30 years with each activity this year and the Lunch will culminate a year of celebrating women making a difference in the lives of each other, their church and their community.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator reported the following:

Opening Prayer: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Victims of Abuse

1 Beth Sprinkle Surgery: Thanks for Prayers; doing well.

2 Sunshine Committee: Very special part of the Women's Club, spreads sunshine through cards, plants, blasts when support is needed. Kathy Knittel and Nancy McMahan

3 Day of Prayer: 205 registrants, 43 men, 16 Guests, 3 Christian Churches, St. Mary's (member joined our choir), St. Michael's and St. Cyprian's; 102 volunteers truly made the difference, cleared over \$400. Chairmen believe profit should be earmarked for something for the Church

4 Adoration: March 4th 9AM to 6PM, WC time 9AM – 10AM Special time for prayers, worship and establishing a closer relationship with your Maker.

5 Stations of the Cross: Women's Club “Mary's Way of the Cross, March 18th, 7PM, one week before Good Friday, you will see the Passion of Christ through Mary's eyes. Twelve ministers plus Father participating, please invite friends and family.

6 Simple Supper: Kathy Frank chairing , from 6 – 6:45 PM before Mary's Stations in Founders Hall

7 Special Dates to Remember: Communion Brunch, April 10th, 10:30AM Mass; Installation Mass, June 11, 5 PM Mass

8 Program: Liturgical Ministries – each have increased in membership but still need additional ministers: Ushers – 5PM Mass; Choir – Always expanding, need men for harmony; Home and Hospital – 8 members, need more; Nursing Homes – Need additional for Murrell’s Inlet.

Divine Mercy Presentation - Louanna Sowa

Closing Prayer: Divine Mercy Prayer by Louanna Sowa and Grace before Lunch

COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership – Linda Caswell reported: We had a quorum for our meeting and presently have 174 Members.

Ways & Means – Denise Lee and Carol Steinis reported the following:

A special thank you to Sue Rovner and Carole Kaczynski for co-chairing Game Day, and thank you to those who participated and which resulted in a profit of \$129 for the club. The Irish Soda Bread Sale will take place the weekend of March 12 and 13. Ingredients will be distributed today to those bakers who signed up to help. If you have not signed up and would still like to help or sell the bread after the Masses, see Sandi Goulet. Please drop off before Masses and do not make ahead or freeze. The next Belk’s Charity Sale will be April 30th, tickets will go on sale at the April 7th General Meeting. This is our last major fund raiser for Ways and Means and encourage participation. The tickets are \$5 which you can redeem when you make a purchase and the club gets to keep the \$5 for each ticket sold.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Recommendations presented by Kathy Morris, Treasurer:

Club Operations Financial Review for determination of 2016 – 2017 Dues

Operations Budget Key Points:

- A Club Operations Report has been distributed to everyone.
- In reviewing Club Operations with the Board, it was determined that we have not had an increase in dues since 2005
- Carryover Seed Money should not be considered as part of the Operations Budget. Last year it was approx. \$3500. Our current available balance is \$5500, but out of this we still need to meet all outstanding Operations Expenses thru June 30th.

The Club’s source of funds for Operations is primarily dues, then Ways and Means, fundraisers, of which are valuable due to the fact, each year can be different (as we’ve seen this year with Game Day). The Board is recommending a minimal increase of \$5 per year to bring the dues to \$20. Approval at April General Meeting.

Presentation

Tidelands Hospice – Paula Gromults and Veronica Bucello

Announcements

Fashion Show March 12th, Pawleys Plantation

Irish Soda Bread Sale, weekend of March 12th & 13th after all Masses.

Grant Applicants will be presented at the April meeting – approval to be voted on at the May General Meeting with Sherry Marnell

Lecture Series report – Sharon Roberts: February saw the return of Teddy Roosevelt and his adventures and tales presented by Charles and Mary Sacavage. Many compliments to them but our attendance was down again. March 14, 2016 will be the next lecture. Rosemary Plesha will take us on a tour through the Holy Land. The presentation begins at 7PM. Doors to the PLC will open at 6:30. Donations welcome. Remaining lecture series: Personal Finance, April 11th – Kathleen Cappola; Mission to Guatemala – May 9th and Packing up! June 13th – Sherry Marnell
Church Quilt – Embroiders needed.
Belk Sale - April 30th

OUT AND ABOUT GROUP

Lunch & Movie Group – Judy Zachar – March 17th –Lunch: New Crepe Place
Sip and Chat – Nancy Szarowicz 4:30 – 7PM
Joy School – Joyce Turner
Adoration – Friday, March 5th – 9-10AM
March Board Meeting – Thursday, March 24th
April General Meeting – April 7th

Closing Prayer and Grace

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabina Kowalski