

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING APRIL 7, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on April 7, 2016 by Vice-President, Marianne Anderson.

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 March 3, 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 - \$38,989.86

Grant Fund - \$25,123.84

Contributions/Scholarship still to be disbursed - \$5,750.00

Pennies from Heaven Balance - \$737.73

Craft Fair 2016 Reserves - \$1,820.00

Net Operating Reserves - \$5,558.29

OFFICER'S REPORT – VICE-PRESIDENT

Vice-President, Marianne Anderson reported the following:

Marianne gave us an update on Joan Brown, our president, regarding her progress with her knee operation and that she appreciated all the cards and good wishes sent her way.

Marianne introduced Fr. Pat who was presented a check of \$1000 from donations in memory of Bernice Rucker, who was instrumental in the formation of Fr. Pat's Kitchen which will benefit from this donation. Fr. Pat spoke highly of Bernice and thanked members for their generosity and hard work. Father chose a prayer from Pope Francis as a closing to his talk.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator reported the following:

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

Special Dates to remember: Communion Luncheon, April 10; 10:30 AM Mass

Stations of the Cross: Well attended; Thanks to our “Marys” Patty Guazzo, Marianne Anderson, Suzanne Harris, our Lector – Ellen Vignone; our Cantor – Ellie Higgins; our Greeters – Wilma Ervin, Joan Gallagher, Kathy Knittel, Pam Bilella, Karen Lily; our Altar Servers – Mary Ann Mac Donald, Amy Kitowicz, Christine Brennan; our Eucharistic Ministers – Veronica Bucello, Theresa Vercellotti

Simple Supper: - Kathy Frank chairing – very successful, thanks for the help, Charlene Coffin, Kathie Monnich, Regina Wichrowski, Regina Stoetzer, Ann Cromwell and, of course Kathy Frank. Program: Mike Pannucci spoke to the members to consider being Eucharistic Ministers. They are in need of more participants.

Communion Luncheon & Installation Masses: Assemble and be seated in back pews of church; process and recess to/from front pews; 24 members are liturgical ministers; Special Prayers of Faithful, Mass Intentions, Music
Closing Prayer for friends & family

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means – Denise Lee and Carol Steinis

Denise reported the Soda Bread Sale was successful and Belk Charity Tickets are still available at the back table.

Grants Committee – Sherry Marnell reported the following:

Sherry thanked her committee and passed out information sheets for the members to follow her explanation of the proposed grants. Proposals for grants must meet certain criteria. A discussion of using grant money for the purchase of the proposed Blessed Mother statue by Linda Caswell for the church was tabled until the May meeting entailing more specific information, such as size, placement and consideration of suggestions made by members who voiced their opinions.

Special Events Committee – Terry Furfaro reported the following:

Many thanks were extended to all members who worked on projects to make “Aloha” Fashion Show a success. Many thanks went to the Knights Of Columbus for selling our raffles and also modeling in our fashion show, which was a highlight and enjoyed by all. Next year, the Fashion Show will be chaired by Debbie Clatterbuck, Pilar Carboni and Sabina Kowalski.

Old Business: The raise of \$5.00 was voted on and passed for membership dues, which will be \$20.00.

New Business: The Birth Right Baby Shower was received with compliments on our generosity from the Birth Right representatives, Terri Triana and Mary Lou England who attended our meeting. They reminded us how needy these families are and how much joy our donations bring to them.

Nominating Committee: Mary Kinzie, Linda Caswell, Gloria Starrick

Nomination Script as follows: A bio was read for each officer’s position and if there were any nominations from the floor would be recognized at that time, if none, the proposed nominee

would be added to the ballot. As result, for President: Nancy Szarowicz, for 1st Vice President: Sharon Roberts, for 2nd Vice President: Kathie Monnich and Mary Sacavage, for Secretary: Sandi Goulet. Kathy Morris will retain her position as treasurer for next year.

Joy School: Claire Turner explained that it was a summer school held at Pawleys Presbyterian Church and lunches are provided and there is a sign- up sheet if interested in preparation of lunches.

Hope Ball and Newsletter – the Messenger

Jessica Dezendorf asked for items for the newsletter. The Hope Ball is a special needs dance which will take place on May 6th. The theme will be red, white & blue bandanas and beach balls which was fun and a success last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Out and About: No movie scheduled.

Sip And Chat: Websters, April 21st, 4 to 7 PM

Lecture Series: Sharon Roberts reported the following:

In March, Rosemary Plesha led us on an inspiring tour of the Holy Land. The audience of 30 people seemed intrigued and awed by the many sights we saw. The next presentation is perhaps not our favorite topic, but it is an essential one. It deals with finances. Kathleen Coppola, a financial advisor, will be here to discuss these topics and more with us on Monday April 11th at 7PM. Doors open at 6:30. We will be in classrooms 1 an 2. As always refreshments will be available and the event is free for all to attend. Donations are welcome.

Remaining lecture series are: Mission to Guatamala, May 9th – one of our missionaries TBD
Packing it Up! June 13th – Sherry Marnell

Unless we have enough additional members for the committee to continue, the June lecture will be the final in the lecture series and it will not continue next year.

Closing Prayer and Grace

Respectfully Submitted

Sabina Kowalski