

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on May 5, 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 led by Pilar Carboni

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Sabina Kowalski, Secretary, Asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of April 7, 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

Kathy Morris, Treasurer, reported the following:

Balance in Account as of April 30th - \$38,909.56

Pennies from Heaven - \$58.76

Total in Pennies Fund - \$818.11

I had a discrepancy on the Fashion Show Report, as I had not included some ticket money that was added to the final deposit.

Updated FS profit is \$16,586.51

Grant Fund balance is \$25,283.84

After reserves, the Net Available Operating Fund Balance is \$4,867.61

I would like to remind all Committee Chairs and Members, that we have budgeted funds to cover all Operating expenses. No members should feel that they should donate any costs to the Women's Club. Please submit all expense receipts to me for reimbursement. I have forms available here, or one can be downloaded from the website. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

I have upcoming travel plans over the next few months, so please try to plan ahead where checks will be needed.

OFFICER'S REPORT – PRESIDENT

President, Joan M. Brown reported the following:

Congratulations to the new Officers. The membership has made a super choice. I see nothing but good things happening with the Women's Club under the direction of Nancy Szarowicz. The nominating committee Mary Kinzie, Linda Caswell and Gloria Starrick put forth their diligence in coming up with an outstanding slate of candidates who were elected at the meeting. They were Nancy Szarowicz, President; Sharon Roberts, First Vice –President; Kathie Monnich, 2nd Vice – President; Sandi Goulet, Secretary; Kathy Morris, Treasurer.

I thank you for your overwhelming caring by the countless number of cards, the prayers and well wishes for a speedy recovery, the number of phone calls inquiring about my progress and the food that filled my refrigerator.

I would like to congratulate Eileen Birchenough and Terry Furfaro and their committee for the 2016 successful Fashion Show. They were thrown some obstacles, however rose above it all. I plan to address the Knight's meeting this evening to thank them for their help in making our Women's Club fundraiser a successful reality.

Thank you to Sandi Goulet and Regina Stoetzer for chairing the Soda Bread Sale.

Thanks to Margaret Gerrity and Eileen Topor for stepping up to the plate and chairing this year's Birthright Baby Shower. I understand the tables were filled with much needed baby items. Also thanks extended to Sherry Marnell – Grants Committee and Jean Mudd – Scholarship Committee.

All "Women Make a Difference."

Linda Caswell made the following report regarding "The Blessed Virgin Mary Statue: After hearing your concerns regarding making a special donation to the parish to purchase the Blessed Virgin Mary statue, I want to ask you to review the March Meeting Financial Report. You will see that the money raised from the ACF and FS is used for both donations and grants. And this would be an additional donation to the church.

On Monday, April 18th, I met with Ellen Sullivan, John Moycik, and Suzanne Harris. After taking measurements and discussing placement options, it was decided that the best option would be for us to purchase the 4ft. statue (50 lbs.) and place it on a pedestal or shelf in between the two candle stands or in the alcove. The final decision would be up to Fr. Pat. The Statue would cost \$1645.00 including shipping. We would need another \$600 to \$800 to cover the cost of a pedestal or shelf and cost of the installation charge. Therefore I am asking the membership to approve up to \$2500. The BVM statue is 4 ft. tall statue made of fiberglass and painted in traditional blue and white colors. A picture of the BVM was shown to the membership. The executive board voted to give the parish an extra \$2000 donation as a gift. However that is up to you. The total cost would be around \$2500. I am hoping that after talking to you that we can proceed with a vote. If it is approved I will give Ellen and Fr. Pat a detail of what was approved.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Marianne Anderson, Vice-President reported the following:

Grant's Luncheon, June 9th, 11:30 AM; Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort: Francis Marion Room Sign- up sheet at back table.....\$20.00....sign-up ends June 1st

Entrees are as follows: 1) Chicken Marsala 2) Mahi in Lemon Butter 3) Prime Rib (med) with Au JusSteamed fresh vegetables, a starch, rolls and butter....Strawberry Shortcake

Though we have the Grant's luncheon on June 9th, the Installation on June 11th and the last General Meeting on June 2nd please make sure to attend the meeting as we close out our 30th Anniversary Year. There will be a special lunch and a toast to 30 more.

SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator reported the following with an Opening Prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and for victims of abuse:

Special Dates to remember: Adoration – Friday May 6, 9 - -10 AM; Installation – June 11th, 5PM Mass.

Program: We Are Called to Worship – Deacon Steve; Petitions for Miraculous Medal. Marcia and Deacon Steve will be going to Germantown, Pa to place your petitions at the Miraculous Medal Center.

Installation Masses: Scheduled June 11, 5PM Mass; Rehearsal scheduled after next General Meeting. Closing Prayer: for friends & family and Grace.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WAYS AND MEANS

Denise Lee and Carol Steinis reported the following: Belk Charity Sale Day tickets for April 30th totaled \$335.00. Notices were included in the church bulletin and tickets were sold after all Masses on the weekends of April 16 – 17 and April 23 -24. Thank you to all the members who supported this fundraiser. And thank you to Carole Kaczynski, Bernie Zurek, Kathie Monnich and Joan Baker for volunteering to sell the tickets after Mass. We would like to thank everyone for supporting Ways and Means fundraisers this past year.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Sherry Marnell thanked her committee members who were Kathy Morris, Virginia Paccadolmi, Sue Rovner and Marcia Olenchock. The Grant information was reviewed by Sherry and a vote was taken to accept the amounts allocated for each recipient established by Sherry and her committee. The vote also included The BVM Statue purchase recommended by Linda Caswell. The membership approved the motion of both, grants and statue.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jean Mudd reviewed the selection process of choosing a student for the award. This year only two students participated and both were of the scholastic ability that would merit a scholarship award and therefore each student will receive \$1000 apiece toward the college of their choice.

Elizabeth Zigler/Director of Youth Ministry asked in particular for “help” during the summer, especially when day trips would be taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy School: Claire Turner requested for more volunteers, especially to make lunches.

Hope Ball: Jessica Dezendorf reported on the theme of the ball which would be red, white and blue. They will have bandanas and beach balls in red, white and blue. Decorating will take place after the meeting.

Newsletter – The Messenger: Please submit articles for the last issue.

Lecture Series: Sharon Roberts reported the next lecture is this coming Monday, and the topic is the Guatemala Mission, which has members from our parish participating. Mary Rana will be the guest speaker. Once again you have a chance to see God's work being done by people you know. Come travel with us without leaving your seat and see the work your Catholic Charities contributions help provide. Doors open at 6:30. We will be in classrooms 1 and 2.

Refreshments are served and donations are welcome. Remaining lecture series event will be Packing it Up! June 13th – Sherry Marnell

Circle your Calendar for our June meeting – June 2nd. We will be wrapping up our year with a lovely lunch and a final toast of champagne to end our 30th year.

Closing Prayer and Grace led by Ellen Thoennes

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabina Kowalski