

## **PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 2, 2016**

#### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on June 2, 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 May 5, 2016. A corrected spelling of Mr. Moyik's name and in the Grant's Report, Kathy Morris's name was corrected to be Kathie Monnich. The minutes were then accepted as read. Correspondence was placed on the bulletin board and copies of the minutes were available for those who do not have computers. Sabina thanked everyone for their patience and support.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Kathy Morris, Treasurer, reported the following:

Balance in Account as of May 30<sup>th</sup>: \$39,399.37

Reserves:

Craft Fair 2016 - \$2800.00

Grants, Contributions, and Blessed Mother statue - \$30,610.82 (see separate report for detail)

Pennies from Heaven - \$818.11

Net Operations Balance : \$5,042.64

Kathy thanked the entire Board and all the Committee Chairs for a wonderful, successful and fun year together.

#### **OFFICER'S REPORT – VICE-PRESIDENT**

Marianne Anderson, Vice- President reported the following:

A reminder was given for the Grants Luncheon on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Francis Marion Room at Litchfield.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the Tea on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SPIRITUAL FACILITATOR REPORT**

Ellen Thoennes, Spiritual Facilitator reported the following with an opening prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and for victims of Abuse:

Dates to Remember – Adoration, Friday, June 3, 9 to 10 AM and Installation Mass, June 11, 5 PM

Orange Ribbons: On the luncheon table there are orange ribbons. Please take some and put them on a visible spot in your home to remind you to pray for the brutalities in the Middle East.

Petitions: The petitions that were written at the last General Meeting were placed in Mary's care at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal by Deacon Steve and Marcia. They brought back a keepsake for the members which will be with the orange ribbons at the luncheon table.

Installation: the installation of new officers will be Saturday, June 11 at the 5 PM Mass. Please come and thank the current officers for their service and welcome your new officers, giving them your support.

Today's Program: Presented by Deacon Steve who has been supportive of the Women's Club. Before he speaks, I would like to thank you for the support, ideas and encouragement you have given me for the last two years. It has been a blessing to serve as your Spiritual Facilitator. Deacon Steve addressed our "relationship" with God. He encouraged us to contemplate the presence of God in nature, art, music, and within each other. We should take quiet times to nurture our relationship with God. During our vacations, if we can, search out churches and other spiritual places of worship and contemplation while traveling.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy School: Sign up with Claire Turner, June 14 – 17<sup>th</sup>

Lecture Series: Joyce Robertson filled in as hostess for me. We will share her summary for that evening. Approximately 12 people attended to hear the inspiring talk by Mary Rena on the medical mission sponsored by the Diocese of Charleston. Mary brought a video and slide show along with handmade fabrics, jewelry and photos.

Our final lecture will be presented by Sherry Marnell, and we will figuratively and literally pack it up. Sherry is a seasoned traveler and will share her concise way of packing on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> at Lakes of Litchfield there will be both a silent auction and a live auction in the lobby from 10:30 until noon to benefit The Felician Center in Kingstree, SC.

Also on June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5, local artists, photographers and authors, myself included will be selling their art to benefit Laura Herriott, a Sandy Island resident who lost the roof of her B&B in all the storms this past year.

Out And About Group: Sip and Chat will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Webster's from 4 – 7 PM. Nancy Szarowicz asked for a volunteer to take over this group.

Birthright is now sponsored as a charity by Amazon. Please keep this in mind when ordering from Amazon.

## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Joan thanked all the members for their commitment to the Women's Club for which she has led since 2014. She has enjoyed her presidency and has discovered everyone has something "to

bring to the table". She gave special thanks to her Board and Committees with a presentation of a red rose individually. Joan was overwhelmed by Jessica and Sharon by their compilation of praises of her in the "Messenger". She also noted this is the last meeting of the year and we will toast 30 years being: "WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

Closing Prayer and Grace:

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sabina Kowalski*