

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President, Nancy Szarowicz

- Meeting called to order at 11 AM
- Spiritual Facilitator, Mary Sacavage, let the group in a prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Quorum established

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Sandi Goulet (absent – Carol Steinis substitute)

- The minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting were presented.
- The minutes stood as read and were accepted for file by Nancy Szarowicz.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, Kathy Morris

- Thanked Debbie Clatterbuck and Sabina Kowalski for their efforts in making the craft fair a huge success – preliminary numbers indicate a profit of \$14,279.39 for the fair (proceeds go to the Grant Fund)
- The balance in the account is \$25,130.92
- Balances: Pennies From Heaven (\$934.52); Grant Carryover (\$2,000) and Blessed Mother Statue (\$1,025)
- Financial reports are posted on the website.
- The financial report stood as read and were accepted for audit by Nancy Szarowicz.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT

President, Nancy Szarowicz

- In an effort to connect with younger women in the parish, Nancy invited Elizabeth Ziegler, Youth Director to speak to the group.
- Elizabeth noted that her goal was to partner all church groups. She thanked the Women's Club for their help and support with the bake sale. She also welcomes ideas from the club as to how we can further work together.
- The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother statue is now on display in the church near the votive candle display. A dedication service will be scheduled.
- With the approval of the board, Father Pat and Ellen Sullivan, Linda Caswell organized a drive to help the Nichols SC community which was severely impacted by the recent hurricane. Linda noted that another drive for donations will be open to the parish and will take place November 14-16 and a notice will be placed in the bulletin. Do not leave donations at the office or church.

Sherry Marnell has helped Linda with these efforts. Donations were brought to the meeting by several members.

- Bonnie is the coordinator of the church gift shop and is looking for help after the 8 AM mass. Information is in the bulletin.
- Members were advised to be aware of email scams.
- More use of the Women's Club website was recommended.
- Per the board, all committee reports must be submitted at the end of an event.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

First Vice President, Sharon Roberts

- Christmas Party will be December 1, 2016, from 12-3 PM at Kimbel's Restaurant, Wachesaw Plantation. A total of 78 members have signed up for the lunch (Sharon would like 90). Suggested gifts for the Family Justice Center can be found on the website. Some copies are on the tables. If anyone has a gift today, there is a basket by the door for those gifts. Unless it is a gift card, please take a tag from the Christmas Party sign up area, complete it and tape it to the gift (sizes should also be noted on the tag if the item is wrapped). If you are attending the luncheon, please bring your gifts when you arrive and place them under the tree.
- Grants Luncheon – in the process of checking with Inlet Affairs as a venue for the Grants Luncheon on June 1.
- Magnificat – There is information at the tables regarding the Magnificat. Last month two of our sisters spoke about their first experience with the chapter. Several members will be going February 4. If you are interested see Sharon for the address to send your check. If you plan to go, let Sharon know as someone may be looking for a roommate for the Friday night stay-over. The next Magnificat is Saturday, February 4 in Greenville though the actual location is TBD. You can reserve by sending \$25 to Beth Snyder, 151 Lake Lyman Heights, Lyman, SC 29365. Members will be required to make their own reservations – contact Sharon for more information.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Second Vice President, Kathie Monnich (absent – report by Sharon Roberts)

- Alabama Theatre Christmas Show and Thanksgiving Luncheon – November 10, 2016 (lunch is at 11:30 and show is at 2 PM)
- Mepkin Abbey and Creche Festival Tour (tentative date is November 28, 2016) – would also include James Island Festival of Lights and a restaurant stop. The cost is \$35 (food not included). Departure will be at 11:30 AM and estimated time of return is 9:30 PM. Payment is needed ASAP – contact Kathie for reservations, payment, etc. Even if you attended this in the past, each year is a different experience.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Arts and Crafts – Debbie Clatterbuck and Sabina Kowalski

- Thanked all volunteers and supporters for the of the success Arts and Crafts Fair.
- A \$25 gift check to Landolfi's was presented to Rocky in appreciation for all his hard work in helping with the fair.

Fashion Show – Debbie Clatterbuck

- April 1, 2017 – “April in Paris” theme
- Co- chairs – Pilar Carboni and Sabina Kowalski
- Sponsorship checklists were distributed – members are asked to write their name on the lists and submit (write in additional doctors, salons, etc. that are not on the list) – need to be returned ASAP since letters are sent early in December.
- Membership Sponsor Forms were also available.
- Fashions by Dillard’s.
- Tickets will be sold in January (cost to be determined).
- Prize Patrol – Carole Kaszynski, Carol Steinis, Sue Rovner and Linda Caswell
- Decorations – Sabina Kowalski and Suzanne Harris – looking for small bistro tables, chair and lamps for use at the fashion show.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Membership, Ann Carline and Terry Furfaro

There are a total of 161 paid members as of November 2, 2016. This includes 16 new members.

Emails have been sent to those members who have not yet re-joined and are now on the “Inactive” list. The Website has been updated to reflect the 161 Active members.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Membership Table for Greeters for each meeting. Two members are needed each month to welcome current and new members.

Kathy Morris and Jessica Dezendorf reviewed how to access and use the Website.

- Address is wcpboc.com
- Links indicated with an asterisk (*) require a password – contact Ann Carline for a log in password. Links indicated with a double asterisk (**) are restricted to officers.
- Website include photos, newsletter (which is no longer mailed), member directory, etc.
- See Kathy or Jessica after the meeting if you brought a device and need help.

Spiritual Facilitators, Mary Sacavage and Susan Walker

- Nancy spoke about her experience with the Doors of Mercy Journey.
- Spiritual Retreat is November 4 – starts with mass at 8:30.
- Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet is November 4 at 3 PM. Any petitions placed in the prayer box will be brought to adoration. Sign up for Divine Mercy Chaplet (last month, there were 8 women coming together to pray the chaplet).
- January 5, 2017 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Communion Prayer Breakfast – starts at 8:30 with mass – followed by a breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus and a program – the regular general meeting will then take place. Sign up today or at the Christmas luncheon.
- The Secular Franciscans are collecting items for Haiti hurricane victims – see the bulletin for details.

Ways and Means, Yvonne Chadwick

- Belk's Charity Sale is Saturday, November 5 (6- 10 AM) – Tickets are on sale for \$5.
- Yvonne has been selling tickets at Belk's and will volunteer the day of sale so that the Women's Club can be part of "Fair Share" (proceeds from tickets sold that day will be distributed among volunteer organizations).

Auction, Joyce Robertson

- Auction is Thursday, January 19 (to benefit Tideland Hospice).
- Start collecting new or gently used items that can be donated.
- Sign- up sheets for volunteers are at the meeting.

Healthy Lifestyle – Jessica Dezendorf

- Meet everyone Monday at 9:15 AM (Room 3)
- Discuss diets, exercise, etc.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Refreshments (Carole Kaszynski and Pat Farkas)

- Menu – quiche and salad and holiday cookies
- Joan Dolan (coordinator) - Volunteers – Claire Turner, Yvonne Chadwick, Anna Tonizzo, Bernie Zurek, Mary Yacullo, Sabina Kowalski
 - Help for future meeting lunches is needed (sign- up sheets are at the meeting)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November 4 – Retreat/First Friday Adoration/Divine Mercy Chaplet
- November 5 – Belk's Charity Sale (6-10 AM)
- Alabama Christmas Show and Lunch (November 10 - \$59 per person)
- Sip n Chat November 17 at Island Bar and Grill
- Board Meeting November 17 and December 15 at 9 AM
- General Meeting January 5 (SEAS Celebration)
- Christmas Luncheon December 1 at Kimbel's at noon
- Business cards were placed on the tables – free holiday concert – November 20, 3 PM
- Items from the Women's Club craft table are available for sale
- There will be an optional ornament exchange at the Christmas Lunch - \$5 max – must be wrapped

CLOSING

- Closing prayer was done by Susan Walker
- Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Carol Steinis, Substitute Secretary for Sandi Goulet

Nancy Szarowicz, President