

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
October 4, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 am.
- Opening Prayers led by Louanna Sowa and Linda Petrocco, Prayer to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and "Loving Father".
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski.
- Virginia Paccadomi co-chair of Membership confirmed that we had a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski

- The minutes of September 6, 2018 were posted on the website and presented to the membership.
- The minutes stood as written and were accepted for file by Carol Steinis.
- Thank you cards/correspondence received since our last meeting were acknowledged and displayed on the bulletin board during the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, Mary Sacavage

Financial status as of September 30, 2018:

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| • Balance in account | \$10,548.24 |
| • Pennies from Heaven | \$ 72.61 |
| • Craft Fair Vendor Income | \$ 3,990.00 |
| • Grants Fund carried over | \$ 2,224.17 |
| • Capital Allocations | \$ 1,055.28 |
| • Operating Expense Balance | \$ 2,976.18 |
| • Financial report accepted for audit by Carol Steinis. | |

Our next big event is the Arts and Crafts Festival in October!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

- It has been a stressful and difficult time as we all struggled with Hurricane Florence, but hopefully, we can all move forward and focus on our agenda and plans for the Women's Club. Our board meetings continue to be productive as you will see from this meeting.
- The first computer class was held on September 28 and it was a huge success. Special Thank You to Kathy Morris and Jessica Dezendorf for instructing the class along with the technical support team of their two husbands. The attendees were impressed with our website which is a wealth of useful information such as minutes, financial reports, membership directory, description of all committees, and our calendar to name a few. Another class will be scheduled for those who could not attend the first one.
- My mantra is still short meetings: 500 words or less for every speaker.
- Finally, I would like to remind everyone of the decorum expected at our meetings. We have a parliamentarian and we do follow Robert's Rules of Order. We should respect all speakers and speak only when recognized. This will help facilitate the flow of the meeting.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Christmas Luncheon to be held at Kimbel's on Dec. 6, 2018. Cost is \$23. There are 3 menu choices denoted on the Sign-Up Sheet. Please pay when you sign up. Sign-Up sheet will also be available at the November General Meeting. There is also a sign-up sheet if you would like to help with the Luncheon. Four ladies are needed to help with check-in and the committee needs help making ornaments for the guests.
- There will be a Movie/Pizza event on Tuesday, October 16 in the PLC. Cost is \$3. The movie is The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Please bring a comfortable chair. Sign-Up and payment can be made at the meeting. Sign-Up Genius has also been sent out. Please do not sign up in both places.
- Our 1st of 3 chef's demos will be held on November 8 in the PLC kitchen. Carol Steinis will be preparing Holiday appetizers. This is limited to 15 participants. If more wish to participate, there will be a waiting list. Cost is \$5 which includes all ingredients. There is a sign-up sheet for this.
- Cookie Exchange to be held on December 9 at Season's Club House. Each participant will provide 4 dozen of their favorite homemade cookie. You will receive a variety of 4 dozen cookies in return. There is a sign-up sheet for this at the meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Sabina elaborated on the upcoming Chef Demos.
- There will be a total of 3. The second to be scheduled in January and will feature Soups: Using a pressure cooker.
- Sabina added some levity to the meeting by telling some jokes and riddles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

1. Membership, Debbie Clatterbuck (absent)
 - Carol Steinis reported 116 Active paid members
 - No new members as of today
 - Current year's dues are due by Nov. 30 to continue to receive correspondence from the club and maintain active membership status.
2. Ways and Means, Yvonne Chadwick
 - Belk Charity Sale begins Nov. 3 at 6 am.
 - Yvonne explained to the membership how it works and what your \$5 ticket entitles you to.
 - Tickets are available for purchase today at the meeting, at the Arts and Crafts Fair and they will also be sold at our November General meeting.
3. Spiritual Facilitators, Louanna Sowa and Linda Petrocco
 - Becky Fico was to be the guest speaker and deliver "Speedy Spiritual" for our meeting. However, she was unable to attend.
 - Louanna reminded the membership of upcoming event "Rosaries Coast to Coast" that will take place on Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm on the beach behind the Litchfield Inn. Fr. Paul will lead the Rosary.
 - Louanna reminded the members that there is an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the daily 8:30 am mass and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited in the confessional at 3:00 pm on Friday October 4.
 - Linda also encouraged members to participate in the Miraculous Medal Novena every Wednesday after the 8:30 am Mass.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1. Sip N Chat, Marcia Olenchock and Pat Farkas
 - Next event is Wednesday, Oct. 17 hosted by Nancy Szarowicz. Sign-up today or on Sign-up Genius, but not both.
 - Thanked Maureen Mitchell for hosting first event in September.
2. Refreshments, Carole Kaczynski
 - The lunch menu for today is baked ziti, salad, bread and assorted desserts.
 - A special "thank you" to our refreshment volunteers for October in helping to prepare, serve and clean-up. Kathy Morris, Bernie Zurek, Greta Morris, Diana Heckert, Lois Lavee, Linda Caswell, Suzanne Harris, and Pauline Becker.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Arts and Crafts, Joanne Gagliano, gave an overview of the preparations for the upcoming Festival.
- Joann introduced each committee chair to speak about their group and describe what they are responsible for at the festival.
- Encouraged members to visit sign-up tables to talk with committee chairs and sign –up.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Aprons:

- Mary Sacavage showed the new aprons that were ordered for the Women’s Club.
- 15 were ordered for the Women’s Club use and stored in the WC closet.
- Mary explained the meaning of the Salt Shaker logo. We are Seasoned with Love and We are the Salt of the Earth.

2. Budget Revision:

- In August, Carol met with Fr. Paul to discuss the \$800 PLC Usage Fee for the Arts and Crafts Fair that was imposed on the Women’s Club about six years ago. Ellen Sullivan and Carol explained the history of the fee. It was pointed out that other ministries use the PLC and were not charged a fee. Fr. Paul listened to the discussion and said he will eliminate the fee.
- Subsequent to that meeting, Carol found out from Ellen Sullivan and Michael King that the fee was removed by Fr. Pat some years before but the WC continued to pay it. Carol spoke with several longstanding members of the club and no one had any recollection of that.
- Carol is not comfortable with the PLC Usage Fee listed as a line item in our budget since technically that is not a valid fee. It was discussed at our last board meeting and decided to remove the \$800 PLC Usage Fee line and increase the Parish donation by that amount.
- Opened the floor to questions from the membership.
- Carol made a motion to remove the \$800 PLC Usage Fee from the 2018-2019 budget and increase the Parish Donation from \$5000 to \$5,800.
- First motion made by Denise Lee, Seconded by Jessica Dezendorf and unanimous vote by the membership.

3. Kathy Frank, longstanding member who has helped the club and the parish by donating her time and talent as a caterer/chef will be moving. Kathy was given a WC apron as a token of appreciation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First Friday Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet- Friday, October 5
- Novena for Rosary, Sunday, October 7
- Pizza and a Movie at the PLC- Tuesday, October 16
- Board Meeting, Thursday, October 18 (change due to A & C Festival)
- Sip N Chat- Wednesday, October 17 (note change from Thursday)
- Arts and Crafts Festival- Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27
- Next General Meeting- Thursday, November 1, 2018
- First Friday Adoration, November 9 (date change due to All Souls Day)
- WC Christmas Luncheon- Thursday, December 6, 2018
- St. Christopher's Children Sunset Event changed to October 24.
- Congratulations to Pat and Ray Farkas who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing prayer led by Linda Petrocco.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski, Secretary

Carol Steinis, President