

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
November 1, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 am.
- Opening prayers included “My Morning Offering” and Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayer led by Louanna Sowa.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski.
- Debbie Clatterbuck, co-chair of Membership confirmed that we had a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski

- The minutes of October 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

The balance in the account is \$11,887.21 as of Oct. 18. The following monies are allocated as indicated:

• Pennies from Heaven	\$ 118.06
• Craft Fair Vendor Fees	\$4210.00
• Grant Fund carried over from 2017-18	\$2224.17
• Capitol Allocations	\$1109.79
• Christmas Party	\$ 230.00

Available working balance in operating fund: \$3995.19

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

November is a special month for remembering our family, friends and members of the Women’s Club who have passed and are no longer with us. Fond memories of these loved ones do sustain us. November is the month for Thanksgiving and we should always remember to give thanks for the wonderful blessings that we all have.

It is hard to believe that the Arts and Crafts Festival was a week ago. If anything is definite, it is that time goes by very quickly. I would like to “Just Say Thank You” to all the hard working, dedicated women who decided to “Just Say Yes” and helped to make the festival a huge success. The Arts and Crafts Festival is definitely the epitome of our motto of who we are...We Are Women Helping Others. I would be lying if I said it was easy. No, it is a lot of hard work but the satisfaction of knowing we raised funds for our donations makes it all worthwhile. If you were here the days before the festival you would have witnessed ladies cooking in the kitchen, bringing baked goods from home, diligently sorting, organizing and carrying large boxes of books for the book sale table and making the most amazing items for the craft table. Husbands were also present to help where needed. Joann and Sabina were decorating the PLC and Debbie was busy shuffling vendors to the indoor classrooms based on rainy weather for Friday and dealing with Bob the Bird Man. The kitchen Cafe’ scrambled to get last minute help when they learned that their head cook, Joe Cimadon, was in the hospital. But once again, the Women’s Club rose to the occasion. I recall from my math classes that the whole is equal to the sum of the parts. This is so true with the festival. All these parts came together to make one big festival! The PLC undertook a major transformation during those days.

It is not too early to start thinking about the festival for next year. Already some women have come forward to chair the different tables. If you are interested in being one of the two or three co-chairs for the festival, please see me. Just remember, we are a well-oiled machine and previous chairs always are there to serve as mentors and to provide support. We pride ourselves on our extensive documentation to guide you along the way. You are never alone and we welcome new ideas.

One thing I learned from being involved with the club is that you make friendships and share a special camaraderie that will last a lifetime. Involvement is the best way to benefit from being a member of the Women’s Club. It was nice to see many new faces who volunteered their time at the festival. I only heard positive comments.

Finally, just because the festival is over, it doesn’t mean we stop here. You will hear from the Auction and Fashion Show chairs and committees today. As always, thank you for your patience as I am still learning about the role of President.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Christmas Luncheon to be held on Dec. 6 at Kimbels at Wachesaw Plantation. Doors open at 11:30. There are 3 menu choices; cost is \$23. Please pay when signing up. If you would like to come but can’t pay today, you may send a check to Pat with your menu choice by November 15. Pat’s address noted on sign-up sheet envelope at sign-up table and on our directory on the WC website.

- Once again, we will provide gifts for the Family Justice Center in Georgetown. There are sheets on each table with gift suggestions. You may also include new towels, PJs, and new underwear in various sizes for women. Please use gift bags for your contributions as it makes it easier to distribute the gifts.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Movie/Pizza event scheduled for Nov. 6. There are currently 17 signed up to participate. There is a sign-up sheet on the table with the names who signed up with Sign-Up Genius along with an envelope for payment of \$3. When you pay, please check yourself off as PAID. The movie is The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Part 2.
- We will not have a movie in December but will resume in January.
- The Chef's Demo on November 8 at 11:00 AM has 10 ladies signed up. We still have 5 vacancies and we can start a Wait List, if needed. The cost is \$5. There is a sign-up sheet and envelope for payment. Please mark yourself as PAID on the envelope after making payment. Carol Steinis will share great appetizer recipes for the holidays!
- Cookie Exchange at Season's Club house on Dec. 9 at 2:00.
- A question was raised regarding RSVP's on Sign-Up Genius. All RSVP if you are attending or saying yes. A reply of No is not needed.
- Sabina shared some humorous stories and jokes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

1. **Membership**, Debbie Clatterbuck
 - 25 new Members; Total of 183 Paid Members to date.
 - Debbie introduced the 4 newest Members to the group.
 - Reminded ladies that 2018/2019 dues must be paid by Friday, November 30. An email reminder will go out to those who were members last year but Membership has not yet received paid dues for this year. Virginia and Debbie have a supply of membership forms at the General Meeting and a reminder that only PAID members will be able to attend our Christmas Luncheon.
 - If you do not have a name tag, you can order one at Membership for \$10.
2. **Ways and Means**, Greta Morris
 - Belk Charity Sale Tickets are still available and can be purchased today at the Sign-Up table. Sale Day is Nov. 3 but shoppers can pre-buy and pick up merchandise anytime during November.
 - \$500 in Sales on Friday and \$300 Sales on Saturday at the Arts & Crafts Fair.

3. **Spiritual Facilitators**, Louanna Sowa and Linda Petrocco
 - Louanna encouraged the membership to sign-up for the following events:
 - a. Prayerful Conversations: “Marian Apparitions” by Anne Boychuck, Jan. 3, 2019 in the PLC, Room 1 at 9:30-10:00 AM before the General Meeting. Continental breakfast will be served.
 - b. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day Mass: Jan. 4, 2019. Rosary at 8:00 AM, followed by Mass at 8:30 AM in the church.
 - c. “Share the Love Shower” for the patrons of Fr. Pat’s Kitchen, Jan. 3, 2019 at the General Meeting.
 - d. Divine Mercy for December. First Friday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Chapel.
 - e. Every Wednesday after Daily Mass, Miraculous Medal Novena.

Appointed Committee Chairs

Refreshments, Carole Kaczynski, Debbie O’Brien, and Claire Turner

- Under the direction of Denise Lee and Jeanne Rosol, we will be serving turkey wraps with lettuce, tomato and bacon sprinkles, a side of slaw and a pickle along with delicious desserts.
- Special Thanks to November’s volunteers: Diana Heckert, Trudy Wood, Marlene Meyers, Wilma Ervin, Laurie Biondi, Maura Bauersfeld and Kathy Morris.
- Carole thanked the ladies that have already signed up to volunteer to make the Jan and Feb lunches.

Sunshine, Kathy Knittel and Rose Lanzi

- Summary for Oct. 1 – 31, 2018: (3) Sympathy Cards; (4) Get Well Cards; (23) E-Blast Prayer Requests/Announcements; (18) Birthday Cards and E-Cards.
- Full Sunshine Report posted on Bulletin Board during the meeting.

Special Projects

1. **Arts and Crafts Review**: Joann Gagliano read her thank you letter to the membership that was also sent as an E-blast. Joann and Debbie Clatterbuck recognized the members who contributed in any way to the Festival by having them stand and thanked everyone for their participation.
2. **Fashion Show Sponsorships**, Kathy Morris and Sandi Goulet
 - Women’s Club Fashion Show to be held on April 6, 2019. Sponsorship for our Fashion Show provides tremendous benefits to our Grants Program.
 - We are distributing a “checklist” that includes local Auto Dealers, Insurance Agencies, Doctors, Dentists, Accountants, etc. Our Goal is to target only those that our Women’s Club members do business with. We ask that you review the list, and check off those that you may have a relationship with. We will then have the ability to “personalize” our solicitation letters to these businesses by indicating that our members are their “Patients, Customers, Clients, etc.

- This is by no means a complete list; feel free to suggest any others (mailing address would also be helpful). Forms can be mailed to Kathy Morris, 632 Crooked Oak Dr., Pawleys Island, SC 29585 or left in the Women's Club mailbox in the PLC, or just email your contact name(s) back to Kathy.
 - The information provided will be kept in confidence and will only be seen by Kathy and Sandi. Our target mailing date is December 1st, so your prompt attention is very much appreciated.
 - Introduced Co-Chairs for Fashion Show: Nancy Szarowicz and Carole Kaczynski. Details for the fashion show will be announced in the near future.
3. **Auction and Spaghetti Dinner:** Sharon Roberts, Claire Turner, and Sandi Goulet
- This year's Auction and Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the PLC. FREE Admission.
 - Once again, we have obtained a storage unit at Grayman Storage behind Litchfield Diner and have already begun collecting items for the auction.
 - A list of acceptable items has been posted in the church bulletin and will soon be on the church website and Facebook pages.
 - Collection dates at the Unit are Nov. 16 from 10-12 and 2-4; and Dec. 8 from 10-2.
 - There will be a collection for small items at the PLC Dec. 12 from 12-3
 - If you have large items that you cannot transport, please call Claire Turner at 843 314-3084, to discuss and make arrangements. We are looking for a volunteer with a truck or van to help with pick-ups.
 - Emma from C & C Auctions has once again volunteered her time and talent for this event.
 - Spaghetti Dinner: Limited to 150 tickets. Cost will be \$10. Tickets will be available at our December meeting and most likely after Masses the weekend of Dec. 8-9. Tickets will also be available in the parish office after that.
 - The menu includes: salad, spaghetti & meatballs, bread, a drink and dessert.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Aprons: Mary Sacavage will embroider your name on your WC Apron if you want. Put your apron in a plastic bag with your name on it and give to Mary.
If you would like to purchase an apron, sign-up on the order list.
2. Unsold Craft Table items from Festival are for sale today on the side table.
3. Jim Dausch and Joe Bridges spoke about Pancake Supper and Silent Auction Fund Raiser to be held at Eggs Up Grill in Litchfield, Nov. 13 from 5:00 – 7:00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Computer Class immediately following the meeting today in PLC Classroom.
- Reel Time Movie: Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, part 2, Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 11 AM @ PLC
- Chef Demo: Holiday Appetizers with Carol Steinis, Thursday, Nov. 8 at 11 AM @ PLC
- First Friday Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Friday, Nov. 9 (date change due to All Souls Day)
- Callas Florist Holiday Open House: Sunday, Nov. 11, 1:00 – 5:00
- Knights of Columbus Fund Raiser, Pancake Supper & Silent Auction, Nov. 13, 5:00 – 7:00
- Parish Catholic Bioethics and End of Life Workshop, Nov. 14, 9:30-12:30
- Sip & Chat: Nov. 14, 5:00 - 7:00 at Pastaria 811 in Pawleys Island.
- Serendipity Singers performing at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Surfside, Nov. 18, 3:00
- Home for the Holidays: December 1 – 2 at the Reserve
- Christmas Luncheon: Thursday, Dec. 6, 11:30 at Kimbels
- Christmas Cookie Exchange: Dec. 9 at 2:00 at Season's Club House

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer and Lunch Blessing led by Linda Petrocco.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski
Secretary

Carol Steinis
President