

**PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
February 7, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 AM.
- Opening Prayer led by Louanna Sowa.
- Nancy Szarowicz made a special announcement: Passing of Regina Wichrowski, member and past president. No funeral arrangements have been made at this time.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski
- Debbie Clatterbuck, Co-Chair of Membership confirmed that we have a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski

- The minutes of January 3, 2019 were posted on the WC 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

Balance in Account	\$	33,228.01	
• Pennies from Heaven	\$	224.25	
• Craft Fair Net Income		15,214.42	
• 2019 Craft Fair Pre-paid vendor income		2,590.00	
• Grant Fund carried over from 2017-2018		2,224.17	
• Capitol Allocations (closet)		1,150.73	
• Donation		500.00	
• Spaghetti Dinner and Bar		1,259.27	
• Auction		2,251.85	
• 2019 Fashion Show		3,432.51	
Total Allocated	\$	28,847.20	\$(28,433.93)
Available working balance in operating fund:			\$ 4,794.08

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

- On Jan. 23 a team of women went to the attic storage to sort out items for the Women's Club. The team organized the space by repurposing old shelving from our WC closet and

all items were labeled and placed in storage bins. Items were found that can be used for the Hope Ball and Fashion Show so in the end it saves us money and makes us more efficient. The CO's will inventory these items and they will be listed for all to reference. Reminder: do not put anything in the WC closet without informing the CO's and if something is going to be there temporarily, notify the CO's of when it will be removed.

- The Nominations Committee will be making phone calls regarding a position on the board (Treasurer). We needed another person and Jessica Dezendorf has offered to be a part of this important committee along with Marianne Anderson and Carole Kaczynski.
- In the last Eblast, Carol indicated that the Grants Committee is looking for suggestions for an International Project. So far there have been no suggestions. If anyone has any suggestions or information about an International Project, please see Mary Kinzie, chair of this committee.
- Sometimes it becomes overwhelming at what we do here with the WC and our checkbooks feel the brunt of it, but your greatest assets as members are your time and talent. Nothing would get accomplished here without that. As I do with my budget at home, I pick and choose the things I spend money on. We expect that our members will do the same. We don't expect members to attend or spend money on every event. Your time is also a precious commodity as well. Don't overextend and we appreciate any and all time that is given. Just by being here today shows support for this club.
- We are looking for volunteers to help shred some old documents. There is a shredder in the parish work room we can use. If we could get a few volunteers to give 15 minutes of their time, the job will get done in short order.
- A final gentle reminder, It is not necessary to respond "No" to Sign Up Genius. We only need "Yes" responses. If you sign up on Sign Up Genius it is not necessary to also sign up on the sheets at the meetings.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Inform the membership of the Grants Luncheon on June 4 and give details of cost and menu.
- Volunteer sign-up sheet for ladies to work on Grants Luncheon committee are at the meeting.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Next Reel Time is February 19 at 11:00 AM at the PLC; Cost is \$3 to include pizza lunch and beverage. The Book Club will be this month's feature.
- Sign-Up Genius has been sent; please respond only if you plan on attending.

- A few jokes and inspirational sayings for Valentine’s day were shared.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

Membership, Debbie Clatterbuck

- 88 members in attendance today.
- To date there are 148 sustaining members plus the 29 new members.
- The newest members were introduced to the membership.

Ways and Means, Yvonne Chadwick

- Discussed Irish Soda Bread Project. Bakers are needed and sign up sheets are on the back table.
- Dry ingredients and pans will be given out at the March meeting.
- We will also need help selling the bread after masses the weekend of March 16-17.

Spiritual Facilitators, Louanna Sowa and Linda Petrocco

- Update on “Share the Love Shower” for Fr. Pat’s Kitchen held at our January meeting.
- Introduction of Sabrina Lampe, who will speak about Cursillo during our “Speedy Spirituals”.
- Reminder to members to sign up for the “Day of Prayer,” chose from lunch menu and pay \$10 fee. Deadline for sign-up is March 11. No walk-ins can be accommodated the day of the event. Our speaker for the day will be Sister Mary Frances Cannon and the theme will be “Be Still and Know...” Psalm 46:10.

Appointed Committee Chairs

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

- Pilar Carboni and Jan Freiden and all their volunteers will be serving the lunch.
- Menu for today includes: pork roast, apple sauce, string bean salad, egg noodles, and many delicious desserts.

Sip N Chat, Pat Farkas

- This month’s event will be held on Feb. 21 at Southern Comforts in the Hammock Shops.
- We will be ordering individual appetizers.

Special Projects

Fashion Show, Nancy Szarowicz and Carole Kaczynski

- Plans for the Spring Fashion Show are coming along quite well. A few members attended a tasting at Litchfield Country Club and were very pleased with the quality as well as the quantity of the food.

- 113 tickets have been sold so far, not counting what has been sold today at the meeting. Tickets sales are now open to the public.
- The 8 models were introduced at the meeting.
- Kathy Morris verified that we have received \$4015 in sponsorship money so far. Sponsorships can still be purchased starting at \$75.
- In March, we will be asking the membership for help to complete the baskets and set up decorations as needed using Sign Up Genius.
- Claire Turner updated the membership on Prize Patrol.
- Prize Patrol is looking for donations of large baskets to assemble the prizes. Need volunteers to make baskets and donate to the fashion show. Please complete and turn in a form with your donation.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Spaghetti Dinner: Sandi Goulet
Sandi thanked those who participated. The Dinner netted \$1259.27 profit for Tideland Hospice.
2. \$500 Donation: Carol Steinis
Last month we asked for suggestions on using the donation. One suggestion was to repair back steps by the kitchen. Not feasible, but Carol asked Rocky about marking it with yellow caution tape. Another suggestion was by Yvonne Chadwick which fit better under the umbrella of Pennies from Heaven which will be addressed later.
At the January board meeting another suggestion was made. It was mentioned that there are many kitchen supplies that the WC needs that are not currently available in the PLC kitchen. Many times the women bring these items from home. Carole Kaczynski and Denise Lee are doing an inventory of what we need. We use the kitchen every month for the lunches, the Craft Fair, and Spaghetti Dinner. These purchased supplies will be inventoried and stored in the WC closet. By a show of hands, membership unanimously approved using the \$500 donation for this purpose.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pennies from Heaven: Carol Steinis
One request for use of the donation was for the purchase of a new Book of the Gospels that the lectors use, submitted by Yvonne Chadwick. The board thought this was a good idea but fit better under the umbrella of Pennies from Heaven. Carol explained source of these funds for New Members and anyone not familiar with it. Carol contacted Ellen Sullivan to get a price on purchasing a new Book which is \$160. It was discussed with Father Paul who loved the idea. Carol presented idea to the membership who by show of hands unanimously approved the purchase.

2. Kathy Morris is looking for articles for the Messenger which is the Women's Club newsletter. These can be stories, prayers, committee descriptions, poems, etc. All information should be emailed to Kathy Morris by February 20.
3. Carol thanked the membership for making this Women's Club a great organization for all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sip N Chat: February 21 at Southern Comforts
- Board Meeting: February 28
- First Friday Adoration: March 1
- General Meeting: March 7 at 11:00
- Day of Prayer: March 26
- Fashion Show: April 6

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer and Grace before lunch led by Linda Petrocco.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski
Secretary

Carol Steinis
President