

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 AM.
- Opening Prayer, "The Memorare" from the Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal led by Louanna Sowa.
- 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 February 7, 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 (absent) Reported by Carol Steinis

Balance in Account	\$38,308.32	
• Pennies from Heaven	\$ 139.25	
• Craft Fair Net Income	\$15,214.42	
• 2019 Craft Fair Pre-paid vendor income	\$ 2,660.00	
• Grant Fund carried over from 2017-2018	\$ 2,224.17	
• Capitol Allocations (closet)	\$ 1,150.73	
• Donation	\$ 500.00	
• Spaghetti Dinner and Bar	\$ 1,359.88	
• Auction	\$ 2,251.85	
• 2019 Fashion Show	\$ 8,677.51	
Total Allocated	\$34,177.81	\$(34,177.81)
Available working balance in operating Fund:		\$ 4,130.51

Financial statement posted on WC website, reviewed by the membership, approved and accepted for audit by Carol Steinis.

Treasurer 101 Meeting for members interested in learning more about the Treasurer position was led by Carol Steinis and Kathy Morris before the General Meeting and went well.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

- Our new member brunch on Feb 28 was a huge success. Debbie Clatterbuck and Virginia Paccadolmi did a great job organizing this event. There was a fabulous brunch buffet and we learned a lot about some of our new members.
- The Messenger, our newsletter has been posted on the WC website. Kathy Morris is our editor and does a fabulous job. Thank You to everyone who wrote interesting and informative articles.
- Father Paul is having adoration during each Friday in Lent from 9 AM to 6 PM. There are sign up sheets if you have one hour that you are able to commit your time for this request.
- The following items have been purchased for use in the kitchen by the WC: spoons, cutlery set, food processor, and electric can opener. Carole Kaczynski and Denise Lee are coordinating these purchases.
- There is going to be a Ministry Fair after all the masses the weekend of March 30 and 31 after all the masses. The WC will participate and I have some women signed up to be at our table. I am attending a meeting later today and will have more details that I will send out in my Eblast. Encourage your friends to visit our table and consider becoming a member.
- Thanks! Go out to Sandi Goulet for the prayer quilt made for Deacon Steve. Please sign after the meeting if you have not done so already.
- As we start the final months of this year for the Women's Club, it is not too early to start thinking about 2019-2020. Some committee chairs have been devoting their time for several years and it will be necessary to replace them at some point. This is not always an easy task. If you are interested in becoming more involved, now is the time. We are starting a shadowing program whereby you can spend time with committee chairs to learn the tasks and see if this is where you want to be. Remember our motto is "Just Say Yes" and many women have told me that they were glad they did. I can tell you from experience, if you take a position, there is substantial documentation to help and guide you, not to mention those who are currently in the position are always willing to get you started and answer questions along the way. We welcome Trish McGlynn and Patricia Drew, two new members who will be our membership co-chairs for next year. They will be working with Debbie and Virginia to learn this important committee. You may have seen or met them at the Membership table as you signed in today.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas (absent)

- See report given by Second Vice President.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Has researched Hobcaw Barony trip for May; brochures are on the tables. By show of hands to see if there was any interest in this by the membership: YES.
- Sabina shared a few seasonal jokes.
- Carol Steinis reported that Reel Time had 25 attendees for The Book Club. The Robe is tentative for April 9 showing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

Membership, Debbie Clatterbuck

- Debbie reported a total of 181 members with 29 new members.

Ways and Means, Yvonne Chadwick and Denise Lee

Irish Soda Bread Project:

- Many volunteers are needed to bake the soda bread to be sold at all masses the weekend of March 16-17.
- A Sign Up Genius request for baking has been sent in addition to a number of volunteer sign-ups at the February general meeting. Thank you to all the baking volunteers.
- Bakers, please pick up your dry ingredients and the baking pan with lid. Thanks to Kathy Morris and Greta Morris for helping Denise pack everything yesterday. Each recipe makes two loaves of soda bread. The baked bread can be brought to any mass the weekend of March 16-17. If you have volunteered to help sell, you will be receiving a reminder note.

New Parish Ornament:

- The Ways and Means committee has been researching a new project for this year. Based on a suggestion from Kathy Knittel, we are pursuing updating the parish Christmas ornament that was created in 1999 when the new church was dedicated. Pat Berg, a former Women's Club president, led that project in 1999 and she had all the information from that time. Denise has contacted the vendor and is working to create a 20th anniversary Christmas ornament to sell later this year. The parish logo and masthead information have been sent to the ornament vendor and hopefully we will have a first draft of the ornament within the next month.

Belk Charity Day Sale:

- Information about the Spring Belk Charity Sale Day will be available next month.

Spiritual Facilitators, Louanna Sowa and Linda Petrocco

- The members were each given a booklet and reminded of Wednesday's Miraculous Medal Novena. Also informed the members that they can purchase Miraculous Medals from the church gift shop and that there are examples and prices on the back table.
- Update given on the "Day of Prayer", March 26. Deadline to sign up is March 11.
- Remind members to sign up for "The Simple Supper" preceding "Mary's Way of the Cross" on Friday, April 12. Items needed are meatless sandwiches and soups and cookies. The Simple Supper will begin serving at 5:45 PM and end at 6:45 PM in order for those attending to be able to be at church for "Mary's Way of the Cross" at 7:00 PM.

Volunteers, please be at Founders Hall by 4:45 PM to set up and drop off your food. Those on the Clean-Up Crew need to stay and clean up after the supper.

Appointed Committee Chairs

Refreshments, Carole Kaczynski, Debbie O'Brien, Claire Turner

- Our menu today will be Irish stew along with salad, corn bread and many delicious desserts.
- Thanks to the committee: Jean Mudd, Coordinator along with her team of Melanie Bulman, Diana Heckert, Pat D'Amato, Ann Carline, Nancy Poggi, Marlene Greer, Linda Johnson, Geri Emanuele and Susan Walker.

Sip N Chat, Marcia Olenchock (absent)

- There is a sign up for Sip N Chat which will take place March 21 at J. Peters. There was some confusion as to which J Peters location. Carol Steinis will check with Marcia and Eblast the membership with specific location for this event.
- Cost will be \$9 PP for appetizers.

Grants Committee, Mary Kinzie

- Grants Committee Members: Linda Cimadon, Marilyn D'Ambrosio, Mary Kinzie (chair), Jean Mudd and Lisa Skorzewski
- The deadline for submitting a grants application has passed and now the real work of the committee begins. 18 applications were submitted, the same as last year but from some different non-profits.
- The committee met on Feb. 14 to discuss the review and scoring procedures as well as the confidentiality and due diligence that is expected. The applications were divided among the 5 committee members, checking for any conflicts of interest. Each committee member takes their packets home and carefully checks to ensure that the applications have met the criteria and are complete. Each application is reviewed and evaluated using a detailed score sheet. Members are encouraged to contact the organizations with questions.
- The committee will meet today after lunch and March 14 to discuss each member's recommendations for the proposals she reviewed. The committee votes "yes" or "no" on each proposal.
- These recommendations will be presented at the March PBOCCWC Board Meeting.
- Final decisions cannot be made until after our Fashion Show on April 6th. Our Treasurer will let the Grants Committee know the amount of funds available for distribution.

Nominating Committee, Marianne Anderson

- The Committee is able to tell you that at this time, we have a complete slate of candidates for nomination for positions of First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- These nominations will be announced next month at the April General Meeting. At that time, further nominations can be made from the floor (with permission of the individual being nominated).
- Each nominee will be introduced and address the membership. Each nominee will give a brief talk about their life experiences so that the membership can get to know them better.

Special Projects

Fashion Show, Nancy Szarowicz

- Fashion Show meeting took place on Feb. 12 at noon at the Litchfield Country Club.
- *Decorations:* the centerpieces will be some small flowers. Small bags have been ordered that have a chalkboard texture to write numbers on and matching tags to go with baskets. There will be 3 wreaths to go on the doors. The shoe display will have a large cardboard to shoe to highlight it.
- *Models:* Model meeting scheduled for Mar 7 following the general meeting in the PLC. J Jill Fashions will be the first models. Taylor's will need help bringing the clothes over to the CC.
- *Prize Patrol:* March 15 is the deadline to have all prizes brought in. After assembling the baskets, they can be stored in the library of the parish office. A beach scene picture will be a door prize for each table. One recipient per table; one winner per table.
- *Reservations:* tickets are no longer available.
- *Sponsorship:* Deadline is March 15 to get all money turned in. To date we have collected over \$4000.
- *Photography:* Eileen Birchenough and Eliza Koontz
- *Publicity:* Tonya Ackerman will be contacted for placing pictures in the Coastal Observer.
- *Outfit for the Mannequin:* Idea of choosing one of the modeled outfits to display to be won as a prize.
- *Program:* All information is needed by March 15 deadline to complete the fashion show program. Two posters have been made of the flyer and one will be framed and displayed as guests come in and the other will be attached to the front of the podium at Litchfield CC.

Birthright Baby Shower, Linda Cimadon

- Date for Shower is April 4 at the next General Meeting.
- A list of baby items needed for a Sample Layette for Summer is listed on the back table and also on WC website for your reference.
- They are asking for items to make a complete Layette (sizes 0-3 months) or individual items, up to size 2T accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

- None.

NEW BUSINESS

- At the February board meeting there was discussion regarding making a donation to Alex Mills for his Eagle Scout Project to erect Stations of the Cross at the Columbarium. WC has \$1K in in discretionary funds for donations not specified in the budget that could be used for this donation. PBOC is doing an accounting of the funds and there is assurance that the project will be undertaken and completed. At this time, before we make a motion to vote on this, are there any questions or comments? After further discussion and questions, Carol requested that someone make a motion to donate \$750 to Alex Mills for his Eagle Scout Project to erect Stations of the Cross at the columbarium. Motion made by Sherry Marnell and seconded by Veronica Buccello. Unanimous vote by the membership.
- Request for any other new business: Jessica Dezendorf reported that the Hope Ball will be May 10. There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting to help decorate, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- K of C Lenten Fish Fry, March 8 (5-7)
- Stations of the Cross, March 8 at 7 PM
- Sip N Chat, March 21, 4-6 at J Peters
- St. Christopher's Children Fashion Show, March 23 (see Jeanne Rosell for details)
- Day of Prayer, March 26
- Board Meeting, March 28 9:14 PLC
- General Meeting and Birthright Baby Shower, April 4 at 11 AM
- Adoration, Every Friday during Lent 9AM to 6PM
- Fashion Show, Saturday, April 6

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer and Prayer before Lunch led by Linda Petrocco.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:50AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski
Secretary

Carol Steinis
President