

**PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 19, 2019**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 AM
- Father Paul gave the opening prayer and blessing
- Sabina Kowalski led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Tricia McGlynn, Membership Co-Chair, confirmed that we had a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Lisa Skorzewski, Secretary was absent. Carol Steinis presented the minutes from the June 6, 2019, General Meeting which were posted on the WC website – copies were on the table. The minutes stood as read and were accepted for file by Carol Steinis.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Kathy Morris, acting Treasurer for Ann Marie Reid (who has health issues) presented the Financial Reports as follows (as of September 1, 2019)

- Balance in Account: \$7,448.86
- Pennies From Heaven: \$371.45
- Craft Fair 2019 Income: \$4,900
- Grants Fund Carry Over: \$147.15
- Capital Allocations: \$859.21
- Total Allocated Funds: \$6,277.81
- Balance in Operating Fund: \$1,171.05

Financial reports can be found on the WC website. The financial report was accepted as read and reported and were accepted for file by Carol Steinis.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Carol Steinis noted that our first scheduled general meeting was postponed due to Hurricane Dorian. Carol thanked Pat Farkas and Sabina Kowalski for their outstanding efforts for a very successful Welcome Tea. Reminded speakers to be brief – thanked Monica Roncagliolo for the video she produced of last year's events. The video will be played while we are eating lunch.

A reminder that nothing should be placed in the WC closet without notifying our Closet Organizers (CO's): Linda Cimadon, Suzanne Harriss, and Marcia Cattanaach.

Remember WHO we are – We are Women Helping Others and our motto is Just Say Yes when called upon.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat Farkas reported that the Christmas Luncheon will be December 5 at Kimbels in Wachesaw Plantation in Murrells Inlet. Doors will open at 11 – lunch at 12-12:15. Cost is \$24 which includes meal, tax and

gratuity. Menu items were presented. Sign up sheets and payment opportunity will be at the October and November general meetings. Deadline is November 23.

Next Reel Time movie is October 8 at 11 AM. Movie will be the POMS. Cost is \$3 for movie, soda, popcorn and pizza. Special thank you to all who attended the movie Unplanned. Rocky Gray is arranging a group to go to Charleston to pray outside of a Planned Parenthood clinic. See Rocky if you are interested.

Second Annual Cookie Exchange will be December 15 at the Seasons Clubhouse. Sign up sheet will be at the November meeting.

Special thank you to all who helped with the Welcome Tea – especially to Sabina Kowalski, Bernie Zurek, Kathy Frank, and Marcia Cattanach (who did the beautiful centerpieces).

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sabina Kowalski informed the members of a Christmas Show and Lunch at the Alabama Theater – date would be November 5 and the cost is \$64. This is something that was done in the past. A sign up for interest will be at the October meeting. Sabina ended with some humorous pieces of information.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Tricia McGlynn and Patty Drew (absent)

- We have 98 paid members – 35 paid today.
- New members were asked to stand and were introduced.
- Thank you to members who helped at sign in today.

Ways and Means – Yvonne Chadwick

- Ornaments celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church will be sold – at meetings, Arts and Crafts Festival, and gift shop. Cost is \$10. Two ornaments were given out as door prizes today – winners were Cathy Bergeron and Nancy Szarowicz.
- Belks Tickets will be sold at the Craft Fair – cost is \$5 and you get \$5 back when you shop at Belks for the sale and you also get special discounts and sale prices.

Spiritual Facilitators – Linda Caswell

- Linda reported that her co-chairs are Jessica Senese and Christine Schwartz
- Theme for the year is “With God All Things are Possible”.
- Linda introduced the “Holy Land Special Rosary” program – members can borrow the rosary to pray for special intentions. The rosaries (2) were purchased by Father Paul on his trip to the Holy Land and were donated to the Women’s Club. Two wooden boxes were purchased to hold the rosaries. Contact Carol Steinis if you wish to borrow a rosary and the spiritual facilitators will make sure you get it. Special intentions will be listed in a book “With God All Things are Possible” – this book also contains all prayer requests sent out by Kathy Knittel.
- Novena for Our Nation will end on October 7, 2019, the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. Praying for two intentions: restoration of faith in the US and for the universal church as the Amazon Synod approaches.

- Coast to Coast Rosary will be held on October 13 – two locations (Litchfield Inn Beach – same as last year) and the added location is PBOCCC. Sabrina Lampe oversees the event at the beach. WC will assist at the beach.
- Other items on the schedule – Catholic Trivia game, trips to Our Lady of SC Shrine in Kingstree, and a Lenten trip to the Way of the Cross Park behind Christ Our King Church in Mount Pleasant.
- Elizabeth Ann Seton (our patron saint) Mass on January 4, 2020 at 5 PM. We will sit together as a group and serve cookies and a beverage after the mass. Volunteers will be needed.
- Day of Prayer is scheduled for March 20, 2020. Guest speak will be Sister M. Caterina Esselen a member of the congregation of the Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. One of their missions is to spread devotion to Divine Mercy.
- Divine Mercy Novena every First Friday at 3 PM in the church confessional – adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9-10 AM every First Friday of the month.

#### Website and Newsletter – Kathy Morris

- There will be a computer class on September 23 at 10:30 AM – this class will include instruction on the use of the WC website which is a wealth of useful information about the club. It includes membership directory, minutes, photos, financial reports, calendar, etc. Sign up Genius was sent to RSVP for the class – there is also a sign up sheet at the meeting. Feel free to bring tablets, cell phone or notebook computers for additional tech assistance.
- The next issue of the WC newsletter, The Messenger, is being prepared. If you would like to submit an article, please send to Kathy Morris via email, mail, or leave in the WC mailbox by September 22.

#### Sip N Chat – Pat Farkas

- The next Sip N Chat will be today (September 19) at 4 PM at the home of Nancy Szarowicz.

#### Refreshments – Carole Kaczynski

- Lunch today is provided by the Executive Board and includes brunch casseroles, fruit salad, mini Danish and mimosas.
- Thank you to today's kitchen helpers: Sherry Marnell, Linda Petrucco, Donna Martin and Carole Kaczynski.
- Refreshment co-chairs for this year are: Carole Kaczynski, Claire Turner, Linda Petrucco, and Donna Martin.
- There are sign up sheets for the October and November refreshments.

#### Honorary Recognition – Nancy Szarowicz

- Members can have precious stones added to their name badges based on the various committees/positions they have held in the club.
- Papers describing the stones were placed on tables. If you would like stones added to your badge, place in a plastic bag with your name and the positions you held and give it to Nancy.

Arts and Crafts Festival – Sherry Marnell and Carole Kaczynski

Sherry reported that all is well with the Arts and Crafts Festival. There are 80 vendor spaces confirmed. There is one classroom and one outside space available. Classrooms will also be utilized.

This year the bake sale will be held in classroom 2 to make more space for their needs. This will also help the Kitchen Café and Kitchen Cupboard areas to alleviate congestion.

Sign up sheets are available at the meeting.

Flyers advertising the fair are available – please take one to post in various businesses.

Special thank you to Debbie Clatterback for going above and beyond to provide help and guidance.

The following A & C committees provided reports:

- Book Sale – Kathy Knittel informed the members that they will be sorting books after the meeting if anyone would like to help.
- Bake Sale - Jessica Dezendorf – Bake sale items will be needed.
- Kitchen Cupboard – Kathy Monnich – New recipes will be used – need help making casseroles – important to follow instructions for consistency. If you don't like to cook, donations of \$10 will be accepted to help defray the cost of food items.
- Craft Table – Kathy Brochu – there will be one more craft day scheduled to complete items – fabrics of any size and color are needed and can be left in the box in the parish office.
- Greta Morris – Silent Auction – donations of items are needed – two wreaths from Ginger Gunn have been donated and are on display.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Budget for 2019-2020

- The 2019-2020 was presented – copies on the table and were posted on the WC website.
- Carol explained that budget figures are based on previous two years of records.
- A new social category was added – auction figures were adjusted based on a new auction format.
- A motion was made by Linda Caswell to accept the 2019-2020 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Nancy McMahon. A unanimous vote was made by a show of hands.

By Law Changes

- Carol Steinis provided some background information regarding finances.
- The WC was part of the church audit in 2018 conducted by the diocese since the WC is an APO (Affiliated Parish Organization).
- Audit went well – all questions were answered – but the Diocese made some recommendations that were to be incorporated into our by-laws as follows:
  - Establish a maximum and minimum amount in our checking account

- Establish an amount equal to one month of expenses that we could carry over at the end of the year – any excess of this amount would be turned over to the parish
- Diocese did question our large checking amount balance – we explained that we accumulate money during the year and these are allocated funds which are earmarked for specific purposes such as grants, pennies from heaven and are not a part of our operating fund. Our operating fund is defined as the checking account balance minus any allocated funds. When the treasurer gives the financial report, this figure is presented.
- Consequently we made the changes required by the parish and took this opportunity to make wording in Section VI of the By Laws (Allocation of Funds) more concise and eliminated unnecessary information.
- Joyce Robertson presented the changes to the by-laws.
- Questions were then addressed – Carol reminded everyone that the changes required by the diocese were just that – required. Anyone who wanted to make a comment or ask a question were asked to come to the podium so all could hear.
  - Question – concern about handing over excess funds to the parish. Carol answered: this is our money and we can spend it any way we would like before the end of the year. Our plan is to examine finances in April and see where we stand. Excess funds will be determined and presented to the membership on how to spend them.
  - Question – change of Auction to grants from a designated charity – Carol answered: we are not having a spaghetti dinner this year and auction will have a new format. Therefore, it may benefit Tidelands to become part of the grants program. Also, it was felt that charities should all be on the same level and playing field and this would accomplish that. Carol will contact Barriedel Llorens at Tidelands to inform her of this change.
  - Question – etc. in the last line of Operations of Club should be removed or all information should be added. Carol answered – yes, we will remove: such as Pennies from Heaven, Pre-Paid Vendor Income, etc. from the last line.
- Changes will be made to the by-laws and posted to website and voting will take place at the October meeting.

#### Announcements

Computer Class Monday, September 23 at 10:30

Board meeting Thursday, September 26

General Meeting, Thursday, October 3

Arts and Crafts Festival October 25 and 26

First Friday Adoration and Divine Mercy October 4

There is a SC Council of Women trip to the Ark Encounter – if interested Carol has information.

Closing Prayer – led by Linda Caswell

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Steinis for Lisa Skorzewski

*Carol Steinis*

