

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 AM.
- Opening Prayers led by Christine Schwartz
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski
- Trish McGlynn, Co-Chair of Membership confirmed that we have a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski

- The minutes of October 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

Interim Treasurer, Kathy Morris (absent)-Carol Steinis presented

Financial Status—10/31/2019

Balance in Account		\$24,976.21
• Pennies Fund	\$ 409.16	
• Craft Fair 2019 income	\$15,540.86	
• Craft Fair 2020 Prepaid Vendors	\$ 3,846.15	
• Grants Fund Carry Over	\$ 247.15	
• Capital Allocations	\$ 859.21	
Total Allocated Funds	\$20,902.53	
Available Carry Over in Operating Fund		\$ 4,073.68

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

- Announcement about passing of Pilar Carboni.

- Welcome and as we start the month of November let's give thanks for a very successful Arts and Crafts Fair – I'll let the co-chairs speak more about this later in the meeting.
- Thank you to Sherry Marnell for her lessons on how to pack for a trip – as someone who travels as if she were moving, this was very helpful. Over 20 ladies attended.
- Next month we get a reprieve from our normal business meetings with our Christmas Luncheon. We will be playing trivia later in the meeting today.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Reservations for the Christmas Luncheon will be accepted no later than Nov. 22. Our recipient for Christmas gifts is again Family Justice Center. Kim Parson, the director will be our guest at the luncheon. Gift suggestions are on each table. Gift cards are appreciated and appropriate. If you wish to give a present, please wrap the article and make sure that what it is and sizing is on the tag.
- Reel Time will be on November 12 at 11:00 am. Our feature is The Queen. Cost is \$3 for movie, popcorn, soda and pizza! Please join us.
- Our December feature will be held on Dec. 10, again in the PLC at 11:00. Our feature for December is Christmas with the Kranks.
- Cookie Exchange is December 15th at Seasons Clubhouse at 2:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet in the back. Please make sure you have an email or phone number so Pat can get back to you with instructions. Last year's was so enjoyable.
- Please join our Serendipity Singers for our Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian on Glens Bay Road. Our theme this year is Christmas on Broadway. There are reminder cards on the table. Hope to see you there.
- Sip and Chat, Thursday, Nov. 21. Join us at Sophie Chmil's home. Sophie lives in Willbrook at 60 Sandy Meadow Loop and we will have to have a list of attendees to give to the guard gate. Time is 4-6. Join us!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Thanked ladies for attending the Alabama Theater Show.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Special Projects

1. **Fashion Show**, Camie Delaney
 - Introduced the theme, "Welcome to Paradise".
 - Venue will be Pawley's Plantation on March 21, 2020.
 - Call for help with prize patrol: meeting immediately following lunch for those interested in getting more info about helping.

- Committee has completed 3 tastings and has narrowed down the menu to 2 entre' choices.
- Cost will be \$35 per person with tickets going on sale in January. Sign up sheet at back table for those that want to start formulating table requests for your group.
- Jessica Dezendorf has placed Sponsorship Sheets at each table, please indicate businesses that you patronize and feel free to add any that are currently not on there. These businesses will be approached about sponsorship letting them know that women of our club use their business. No patron's names will be used and all info that you include on the sponsorship sheet will be kept confidential. Forms can be sent to Kathy Morris or left in the WC mailbox.

2. Arts and Crafts Fair, Sherry Marnell and Carole Kaczynski

- First, Carole and I would like to say Thank You to all who made this year's Arts &

Crafts Fair a huge success. Please stand if you were a Committee Chair:

Jessica Dezendorf, Joan Baker, Patty Chiappetta, Bake Sale

Jan Frieden and Kathy Monnich, Kitchen Cupboard

Denise Lee and Ellen Birchenough, Kitchen Café

Café Orders, Wilma Ervin

Floor Plan, Pat Farkas

Kathy Knittel & Sandi Goulet, Book Sale

Kathy Brochu, Crafts

Debbie Clatterbuck, Publicity

Sabina Kowalski, Decorations

Greta Morris and Lisa Skorzewski, Silent Auction

Cathy Bergeron and Peggy DiVivo, Computer Help

Belk Table, Yvonne Chadwick

These special ladies kept our train on the track!

- Also, please stand if you were a volunteer—you deserve to be recognized. This event simply could not be held without your generous gifts of time, talent and treasure. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We also need to give a big thanks to Rocky Gray, Ellen Sullivan, and Patty Guazzo for their hard work and support.

- We had great weather, and the two funerals on Saturday didn't appear to hamper our efforts. Most vendors reported great sales. Both our Kitchen Café and our Kitchen Cupboard literally sold out of food, and our book sale, bake sale, crafts

table and silent auction did really well. The decorations, flyers and signage were the icing on the cake, and we received many compliments on those. We had over 70 booths this year, and 50 of this year's vendors have already reserved their booths for next year.

- But, most importantly, we made more than \$15,000 which will bless the less fortunate residents of our community.
 - We will be setting up a craft table at St. Michael's craft fair on December 1. Please let Kathy Brochu know if you would like to help.
- 3. Auction**, Melanie Bulman (Co-chairs with Nancy Szarowicz and Barbara Dymond)
- To be held January 19, 2020 from 2-5 PM
 - Asking for donations of gently used clothing, jewelry, scarves and accessories. Collection of items will take place in January closer to the Auction, due to lack of storage space.
 - There will be a meeting for all interested on November 19 at 2:00 PM.
 - There are sign up sheets for areas where help is needed.

Appointed Officers

1. Membership, Trish McGlynn and Patty Drew

- We have 167 paid members
- New member Brunch has been set for January 8, 2020.
- 2 Door prizes of Publix Gift Cards: Winners are Anna Dudash and Carol Steinis.

2. Ways and Means, Yvonne Chadwick

- Yvonne thanked all the fabulous sales people of our Women's Club who worked so hard during the month of October to sell tickets to this event. Debbie O'Brien, Linda Petrocco, Carol Steinis, and Eileen Birchenough made the trip to Coastal Grand Mall. Total sales were \$335. Patty Guazzo sold in the PLC office; Flo Gatto, Paulette Joslin, Cynthia O'Brien, Carol Jasniewski, Nancy Szarowicz, Mary Rose Amann, Virginia Paccadolmi, Ellen Vignone, Teresa Vercelotti and Melanie Bulman worked tirelessly at the Arts and Crafts Fair. Because of their effort, the sales at the Arts and Crafts Fair was \$619.20. So far, we have made \$954.20 for Ways and Means. If you haven't purchased your ticket. I will be selling them here. On the day of the sale, Saturday, November 9, I will work at Belk in order to be part of the Fair Share, which may give us \$150-\$200 more.
- Christmas Ornaments celebrating the 20 th Anniversary of our

Church is on display. They can be purchased for \$10.

3. Spiritual Facilitators, Linda Caswell

- Goal: to increase use of Holy Land Rosary
- January 4, 5 PM, Mass for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Need servers, EM, greeters, etc., to serve the mass. Will also need help serving refreshments and clean up following mass.
- February 11: Visit to Our Lady of SC Shrine in Kingstree from 8:30 am to 3:00. This date also happens to be the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes. Plan to Carpool. Lunch choice will be bag lunch from home or PI Bakery has agreed to provide a \$5 box lunch and bring your own beverage.
- Day of Prayer: March 10 with more info and sign up to help to follow.

Appointed Committee Chairs

1. Sip N Chat, Pat Farkas

- Will be November 21, 4-6 PM at Sophie Chmil's home in Willbrook at 60 Sandy Meadow Loop.

2. Refreshments, Carole Kaczynski

- OUR MENU TODAY WILL BE PAULA DEAN'S TURKEY STUFFING CASSAROLE, CAROL STEINIS'S CORN CASSAROLE, CRANBERRY SAUCE, ROLLS & MANY DELICIOUS DESSERTS.
- THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY VOLUNTEER WHO HELPED TO SHOP, PREPARE, SETUP AND CLEANUP. THEY ARE: LOUANNA SOWA OUR COORDINATOR, DIANA HECKERT, LOIS LAVEE, FRAN FRIEDMAN, DEBBIE O'BRIEN, JULIE MACKINZIE, TRUDY WOOD MELANIE BULMAN
- REFRESHMENT CHAIRS: CAROLE KACZYNSKI, CLAIRE TURNER, DONNAMARTIN AND LINDA PETROCCO
- "A BLESSED THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE"

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- It's very important that every member submit receipts when they spend money for the club – this is for two reasons: one, we do not expect members to donate these expenditures, and two, we do budget for it and it doesn't truly reflect our expenses when receipts are not submitted – when a person does not submit a receipt and they generously want to donate to the club, it actually throws off our budget – for example, someone spends \$100 on decorations and wants to donate that to the club. If we budgeted \$300 for decorations and the next year when we do the budget we notice that only \$200 was spent, we budget less. Then the decoration committee wonders how they were able to do this on the small budget. This was discussed at a board meeting. Suggest that if you truly want to donate, you submit a

receipt for your expenses so they can be recorded properly and then make a donation which will go to our grants. Any comments or questions. Once again, these actions are truly appreciated and we don't want to discourage it – just need a way to reflect our true expenses.

- This is from, “ did you know?” department: did you know that the proceeds from the Arts and Crafts Fair are used to pay The Other Donation categories listed on the Budget? These would include, for example, the scholarship, donation to the parish, parish picnic, tour of homes, etc. Any leftover money goes to the grant fund. This is per our bylaws. I just wanted to make this clear because some people think all the proceeds from the fair go to Grants – only leftover funds after the other donations are paid will go to grants. The total for Other Donations in our budget is \$11,750. All the proceeds from the fashion show and auction go directly to grants. Any further questions? Carol thought it important to clarify and point this out.
- I received an email from Bariedel Llorens from Tidelands Hospice. They are holding a Festival of Trees December 5 through the 7th – at the Litchfield Exchange – they are looking for donations of wreaths and table top trees – the guidelines for donations as well as a flyer describing the festival are posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact Bariedel.
- Gift card presented to Rocky Gray – in gratitude for help with Craft Fair.
- Debbie Clatterbuck – we will be giving a gift card to John Martin at the K of C meeting to thank him for helping with signage for the fair
- Time to play trivia – Susan Walker winner of PBOC ornament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reel Time: November 12, The Queen
- K of C Eggs Up Grill: Pancake Supper and Silent Auction (flyers placed on tables), November 12
- Board Meeting; November 21
- Christmas Luncheon: December 5
- Festival of Trees: December 5-7
- Cookie Exchange: December 15
- Elizabeth Ann Seton Mass: January 4 at 5 PM
- General Meeting, Thursday, January 9

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer and Prayer before the meal led by Linda Caswell.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski
Secretary

Carol Steinis
President