

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
January 9, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:01 AM.
- Opening Prayers led by Jessica Senese
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski
- Patricia Drew, Co-Chair of Membership, confirmed that we have a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski (absent – Carol Steinis reported)

- The minutes of November 7 general meeting 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. A special thank you card received by Joe Carboni was read to the club.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Interim Treasurer, Anne Marie Reid

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.

Balance in Account: \$24,964.59

Allocated Funds:

Pennies from Heaven	\$541.45
Craft Fair 2019 Income	\$14,849.56
Grants Funds Carry Over	\$246.15
Capital Allocations	\$680.88
Total Allocated Funds:	\$16,319.04

Available Carry Over in Operating Funds \$8,645.55

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Carol Steinis

- Wished everyone a happy, healthy peaceful New Year.
- Thanked women for attending the EAS Mass on January 4 – church was a sea of red.
- Reminded speakers to limit to 500 words or less.

- Read mission statement from by laws to remind women that we are here with the sole goal of raising money for our grants program. Our final two major fund raisers, the Auction and Fashion Show, will be taking place in January and March.
- Difficult past year – lost members who passed, moved to be closer to family, lost their spouses, etc. But we are prayerful and prayers do help.
- Grateful for a strong base of women who selflessly give of their time and talent for the club.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Over 90 attendees at the Christmas Luncheon. Lots of good feedback and it was very special to have Father Paul and Father Pat share their Christmas traditions.
- Met with Brayer Surratt at Kimbels to discuss the Grants Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, June 2.
- Reel Time movie will be held on January 14 at 11 AM. Movie is “Breakthrough”. Cost is \$3.00. All are welcome. The location has been change to classroom 1 and 2 since the sound is so much better than the gym.
- Sip n Chat will be January 16 from 5-7:30 PM (note new time). It will be held at Judy Zachar’s house – sign up sheets at the meeting (must sign up so guard can be notified).

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski – shared some New Year messages and some holiday humor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

Membership – Patty Drew reported that there were 6 new members. Door prize (4 auction tickets). Winners were Louanna Sowa, Karen Lilly, Carol Jasniewski and Fran Friedman.

Ways and Means – Denise Lee – sign up sheets for help with Irish Soda Bread Sale (weekend of March 14 and 15). Ingredients and pans will be distributed at the March 5 meeting. Need bakers since we sell out every year. Plus this is a fund raiser for our operating funds. Still waiting to hear from Belks regarding our fair share from the charity sale.

Spiritual Facilitators – Linda Caswell

- Special thank you to all who attended and volunteered for the EAS mass on January 4. Received many compliments.

- Trip/tour to Lady of South Carolina Shrine in Kingstree, SC on February 11– can also pay for a box lunch (optional) or bring your own lunch. We will be carpooling and sign-up sheets are at the meeting (indicate if you can drive and if you want a box lunch). Deadline to sign up is February 6 and must be paid by that date. Supply own drinks.
- Will be meeting after lunch for those who are interested in helping with the Day of Prayer on March 20, 2020. Sign-up sheets are at the meeting. Guest speaker is Sister Caterina from Divine Mercy Sisters. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale at the February meeting. Day of prayer will start with a rosary at 7:55 followed by mass.

Special Projects

Auction –Nancy Szarowicz

- Fashion Boutique Auction will be January 19 from 2-5 PM. Tickets are on sale at the meeting for \$5 and will be sold after all masses this weekend. Please sell to other people who do not attend our church.
- Flyers are available to take and post in local businesses or to share.
- Appetizers will be served and Knights are sponsoring a wine and water bar.
- There will be a live auction, silent auction and cash and carry items.
- Clothes will be collected today at the meeting and on January 13 and 15 from 1-3 PM.
- We still need stylists to dress the mannequins and two more runners to stand by auction winners.
- There is a mandatory meeting for all volunteers on Wednesday, January 15 at 3 PM in the PLC. An email will be sent to all who have signed up to help.

Fashion Show – Camie Delaney

- Fashion Show is March 21 – tickets are on sale for \$35; membership sponsor forms are also available.
- Special prize will be a necklace from Christophers.
- Carole Kaczynski is heading up the prize patrol. Need 4 more people for the PI area and Murrells Inlet (will be given a list of stores/merchants who have donated in the past). Members are asked to donate empty baskets or filled baskets for the prize patrol.

Appointed Committee Chairs

Refreshments- Carole Kaczynski (chair with Claire Turner, Donna Martin and Linda Petrocco) – today’s menu will be lasagna with salad and bread and delicious desserts. Volunteers for this month’s lunch are Linda Cimadon (coordinator), Denise Lee, Yvonne Chadwick, Diana Heckert, Linda Caswell and Pam Bilella.

Grants – Marilyn D’Ambrosio

- Members of the committee: Pat D’Amato, Kathie Monnich, Betsy Powers, Joyce Robertson (Parliamentarian), and Marilyn (Chairperson)
- Grants Applications was submitted to the Diocesan Miscellany, PBOC weekly bulletin as well as the Messenger, St. Michael’s and St. Mary’s bulletins. Application will be posted on the website by Kathy Morris. Applications are available at the parish office.
- Applications and score sheet changes were explained to the WC Executive board and have been approved.
- Deadline is February 12, 2020 at 4 PM. Any application received after 4 PM will not be considered.
- Question: Were applications mailed to last year’s grant recipients? No, applications are not mailed.

Nominations – Marianne Anderson

- Introduced committee: Marianne, Jessica Dezendorf, and Carole Kaczynski
- Read the Duties of the Nominating Committee
- Positions to be filled: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
- Slate of officers presented in April; voting in May
- Sign up sheets available for those interested in more information about duties
- May ask current officers to speak about their duties at February or March meetings
- Phone calls are made to members if no one steps up

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pennies from Heaven – This money is allocated for items needed for the church as requested by the pastor. Carol spoke to Father Paul and he suggested that we use the money to help defray the cost of the newly purchased gong. Questions: Heard that the gong was being returned? Heard that the gong was only temporary? Carol did not have any knowledge of this and spoke with Father Paul after the morning mass and told him she was presenting this today and he thanked her. It was decided to table this item for vote and Carol will get more information.

Keurig Coffee Pot has been purchased for use by women in the club. The Keurig is stored on a cart in the closet – have to provide own pods but can use supplies from kitchen. It can be used at meetings, movie time, etc. Procedures are with the cart. Just empty water when finished.

Carol reminded members that the preferred method of payment is check – easier to keep track. If pay by cash, a receipt will be issued if a physical ticket or item is not given at the time cash is given.

Carol reminded members that the fashion show is going paperless with tickets this year. You will be given a door prize ticket and menu selection ticket when you sign in at the fashion show. Carol thanked Kathy Knittel and Rose Lanzi for their sunshine activities – sending out sympathy cards, get well cards, prayer requests, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates to Remember:

- Board meeting – January 23
- General Meeting February 6
- First Friday and Adoration January 7
- Auction January 19
- Fashion Show March 21
- Sip N Chat January 16 – new time of 5 –7:30

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer led by Christine Schwartz
- Meeting adjourned at 12:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabina Kowalski
Acting Secretary

Carol Steinis
President