

PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
February 6, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- Welcome and meeting called to order by Carol Steinis at 11:00 AM.
- Meeting Prayer and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Prayer led by Linda Caswell
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Sabina Kowalski
- Virginia Paccadolmi, Substitute for Membership, confirmed that we have a quorum.

MINUTES/CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary, Lisa Skorzewski

- The minutes of January 9, 2020 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

Financial Status: 1/22/2020

Balance in Account		\$31,763.06
Pennies Fund	\$ 541.45	
Craft Fair 2019 Income	\$14,849.56	
Grants Fund Carry Over	\$ 247.15	
Capitol Allocations	\$ 661.63	
Fashion Show Income	\$ 4927.85	
Auction Income	\$ 2394.01	
Total Allocated Funds	\$23621.65	
Available Carry Over in Operating Funds		\$ 8141.41

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

- Informed that refreshment group wants to serve lunch at 12:15 so speakers will limit to 500 words or less.
- Father Paul will be coming about 11:30 to bless our ornaments – so we may have to interrupt our program when he arrives.
- Kathy Morris will be assuming the duties of treasurer for the remainder of the year. Due to Anne Marie's serious health issues, it was difficult to provide adequate training – and since we only have four months left for this year and Anne Marie has decided not to seek re-election, it made sense for Kathy to continue rather than spend time training. As always, Anne Marie will continue to help where needed and I thank both these wonderful women for all they do.
- At our January board meeting we discussed the importance of having three co chairs for an event – this is important since we have experienced health and family issues that always take priority – also, we encourage members to shadow co-chairs to assist and learn about the different roles in the club.
- Newsletter has been posted on the website – please take time to read it – great articles and useful information.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Pat Farkas

- Our menu and price for Grants Luncheon has been finalized. The menu is:
1st Course salad with blueberries, candied nuts, mixed greens, onions, goat cheese with raspberry vinaigrette. Entrees preselected choice of:
 1. Cumin and garlic dusted flank steak with asparagus, roasted potatoes and pico de Gallo
 2. Grilled shrimp with citrus sauce, chilled couscous salad, broccoli and cauliflower
 3. Parmesan Crusted chicken breast with sherry cream sauce, rice pilaf and fresh green beansDessert: Strawberry ice box cake
Price \$24 includes water, tea, coffee, warm bread, tax and gratuity
Sign up sheet will be put out in April.
- WC is in charge of Donut ministry in May.
We'll need a lot of volunteers. Sign up sheet will be available in April.
- Reel time will be held on Tuesday, February 18 which is the third Tuesday. This time was changed because of the trip to Kingstree which will take place on the 11th. Feature will be Harriet, the story of f Harriet Tubman. Excellent movie, a must see!
- Another date change: February 13 Sip and Chat at Quigleys 4-6. Sign up sheet is available.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Sabina Kowalski

- Provided history of Valentine's Day and some holiday humor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointed Officers

Membership: Patty Drew and Trish McGlynn (absent), report given by Carol Steinis

- Carol attended a meeting for the Ministry Fair in January - We will be participating in a Ministry Fair weekend on March 21/22 – we will be sharing a table with the Knights like our last Ministry Fair. There will be sign up sheets at the March meeting –we need two or three women to be at our table after the masses (so it might be a good idea to sign up for the mass you will be attending). Our table will have information brochures and membership forms.
- Door prize– TJ Maxx gift card and candy – winner Katie Lund – four fascinators were donated by Camie Delaney and given as door prizes – Ellen Vignone, Patty Guazzo, Sue Ann Appel and Sabina Kowalski.

Ways and Means: Yvonne Chadwick, Denise Lee

- Belks' Fair Share – very generous \$259.50 – total profit for Belk's Sale \$1328.70
- Irish Soda Bread Sale – sell after all masses weekend of March 14 and 15 – need people to help sell and bake – ingredients will be given out at the March meeting.

Spiritual Facilitators: Linda Caswell, Christine Schwartz, and Jessica Senese

- Our Pilgrimage to Our Lady of South Carolina Shrine is all set for Tuesday Feb 11th. We will leave at 8:30 AM from the church parking lot and return approximately 3:00 PM. Today is the last day to sign up. Also, all those who wanted a box lunch, \$6.00 payment is due today. Be sure to indicate your lunch choice. Signup sheet is on the back table. You must supply your own drinks. We presently have 19 members attending. If you have a driver and a group of people who would like to attend, please contact Linda Caswell at 843-237-5743 after the meeting.
- Day of Prayer will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Sister Caterina will be our guest speaker. The sign- up sheet for those attending the Day of Prayer is also on the table in the back. Deadline for sign up will be March 1, 2020. All women and men who wish to participate may attend. You do not need to be a member. The cost to attend is \$10.00, which includes the prayer retreat, continental breakfast, and lunch. We are still in need of a more people to help at the PLC with the beverage station, Continental Breakfast set up and Lunch set up. Please talk to me after lunch if you can help. If you have volunteered for the DOP, there will be another meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 10:00 AM at the PLC.
- A Mass Pilar Carboni is on Tuesday, March 24th at 8:30 AM. Invitation to members of the Women Club to attend as a group. After the Mass, we will have Fr. Pat do an outdoor

Stations of the Cross at the new stations by our Columbarium (weather permitting). Please sign up if you plan on attending. A sheet will be on the back table.

- Simple Supper is scheduled for April 3, 2020 at 6 PM followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM (Mary's Way of the Cross). We will need volunteers to help with making soup or sandwiches and dessert. We will also need greeters, Lectors and Cantor. A sheet is on the table in the back for sign up.
- The Holy Land Special Rosary is working well. We have had many requests. Please remember to contact Carol Steinis at 843-650-4729 to request the rosary.
- Remember that First Friday Adoration is February 7, 2020 with Divine Mercy Chaplet (in the Chapel) at 3 PM.

Special Projects

Auction: Nancy Szarowicz and Barbara Dymond

- Our first fashion boutique auction fun raiser was held Sunday, January 19 from 2 to 5 PM.
- We had 82 pre-purchased tickets and 50 walk-ins for a total of 132 attending.
- The background music (smooth jazz by Peter White^(OBJ)) set the tone for shopping.
- Appetizers were served Butler style starting around 2:15 and continued every 15 minutes.
- The K of C supplied and ran the cash bar and donated all the funds to our auction.
- We had 10 silent auction outfit displays which we closed at 4:30 and winners were announced.
- We had 16 outfits for our live auction which took place every half hour starting at 2:30 and ending at four.
- We also had Cash and carry clothing and jewelry items.
- According to the financial report we took in \$2716 and our profit was \$2488.89 after expenses.
- On January 27 we met with all the volunteers and discussed how to improve this fun raiser for the following year even though it was a success. There is always room for improvement.
- We are very grateful for all the help we had with this event and especially from the Knights of Columbus.

Fashion Show: Camie Delaney

- Eleganze Shoe Store in Hammock Shops will set up a display at the Fashion Show.
- SIGN UP sheets for help: March 20 decorations; day of show helping distribute baskets
- Names of fashions: AFFORDABLE, LEMON DROP, PAWLEYS SHOES

- Silent Auction: Dinner for 6 with Fr. Paul at Bistro 217.
- SPECIAL RAFFLE will be a necklace from Christopher's. TICKET PRICES 1-\$20 , 3-\$50, 7-\$100
- List of all those who have signed up for the Fashion Show will be placed on all tables. Please look and verify information.
- If you paid by cash, please see reservation for a receipt if you did not get one.
- Meeting for all models after lunch in Classroom.
- Baskets are needed for prizes. Please give to Carole Kaczynski.
- Sponsorships are up to \$4400. Member sponsors are still available. If you already bought a ticket, another \$40 will get you a sponsorship.

Appointed Committee Chairs

Refreshments: Carole Kaczynski, Claire Turner, Donna Martin and Linda Petrocco

- Today's Menu will include Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole with choice of Ham, Chicken or Meatless; Salad and Assorted Desserts. Thanks to each and every volunteer who prepared, set up, served and assisted with clean up. They are Pat D'Amato (Coordinator), Ann Carline, Barbara Valente, Marilyn D'Ambrosio, Nancy Crosby, and Dianna Heckert.

Nominations: Marianne Anderson, Carole Kaczynski and Jessica Dezendorf

- Sign Up sheet in the back for members interested in getting more information about board positions.
- Current officers gave a overview of their job and experiences on the board.

OLD BUSINESS

- Carol spoke with Ellen Sullivan on the gong – she assured me that Father Paul told her it is permanent, not temporary and is here to stay. Given that, the funds from the Pennies from Heaven go to the church based on requests from the pastor. I spoke to Father several times and this is the item he would like purchased. So this should answer the questions that were brought up at the last GM. This money will go to defray the cost of the gong which is being shared by the Knights. to quote our by laws: Pennies from Heaven expense: Purchase of item(s) requested by the priest for the parish and this was requested by Father Paul.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carol announced that Kathy Brochu and Eloise Temple will be our co-chairs for the 2020 Arts and Crafts Festival. Kathy is a fairly new member who chaired the WC craft table at last year's craft fair. Carol worked with Kathy at the St. Michael's craft fair and she has already met with Sherry and Carole, last year's co-chairs. Eloise was probably one of the first members Carol met when she joined this club. She has co-chaired the Craft Fair in the past and Carol was elated when she said yes to this call. We are encouraging a third member to shadow these two talented, dedicated women to offer assistance and to learn about this task.
- New website: Kathy Morris demonstrated our newly revamped site. Thank you to John Morris for helping with this project, the team included Kathy, John, Jessica Dezendorf, Peggy Divivio, Carol Steinis. A special thank you to Clem Theonnes for all his help in the past with the website as well as our annual audit.
- Other new business: Marcia Olenchuck – Sip N Chat at Quigley's (by Litchfield) will be Feb 13 4-6 PM. Sign up sheet at meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- First Friday, February 7
- Pilgrimage to Our Lady of South Carolina Shrine, February 11
- Sip N Chat, February 13 at Quigleys 4-6 PM
- Reel Time, February 18, 11:00 at PLC
- Board Meeting, February 27 at 9:15
- Next General Meeting, March 5
- Fashion Show, March 21

CLOSING PRAYER

- Closing Prayer and Blessing before lunch led by Christine Schwartz.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Skorzewski
Secretary

Carol Steinis
President