

**PBOC Catholic Women's Club**  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2022      11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Pat Farkas, President
2. Opening Prayer and Comments– Father Paul; He commented that we were starting our meeting on the Feast of Mary's birth and how the Women's Club should be inspired by her obedience and her redemption to be the Mother of Jesus. What originally started as the disobedience of Eve was transformed through the obedience of Mary.  
We should remember to be open to Mary's love and intercession and adopt Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis.
3. Pledge – All Members
4. Quorum – confirmed by: Peggy DeVivo of Membership
5. Minutes of the June General Meeting - Rita Foster, Secretary
  - Approved by: Marianne Anderson
6. Financial Reports & Proposed Budget Approval- Kathy Brochu, Treasurer
  - Main focus was discussion of WC Budget for FY 7/1/22-6/30/23 and the voting on adopting this budget by the WC members.
  - Kathy Brochu led the discussion by clearly explaining the overview of the budget and how WC finances are tracked. She asked that the Members refer to the copies of the Operations and Grant Fund Summary and proposed budget that she had prepared and put at all the tables for review.
  - 3 main areas were discussed – Operations, Grant Fund and Budget.
  - Treasurer Report for 8/31/22 was approved by a show of hands. Attendees.
  - Proposed Budget was passed by a show of hands. There were no nays.
7. President's Report - Pat Farkas
  - Read a Thank You note form Nancy McMahan.
  - Asked for prayers for Mary Anne Fox and for Joanne and Ed Gagliano

- Welcome to a new kickoff meeting – 37 years in the making!
- Thank you for your participation in the Welcome Tea – volunteers and attendees.

8. First Vice President's Report - Nancy Crosbie

- Thanked everyone for their efforts on behalf of a successful Welcome Tea and spoke about the amazing group of volunteers.
- 74 in attendance; 5 new members.
- Yvonne Chadwick and Suzanne Harris did a fabulous job with the decorations and had plants donated for display from True Blue Nursery.

9. Second Vice President's Report - Jeanne Rosol

- Thanked everyone who helped with the Tea as well as those that attended the Tea. It was a very successful event.
- It is her job description to look into some events or trips that we could enjoy as a group. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Jeanne and she will be happy to look into it.

10. Appointed Officers

a. Membership- Carole Kaczynski and Peggy DeVivo

- Many of the WC members renewed their membership at the Tea. Plus, we had 5 new members join at the Tea. So far, 67 renewals have been received.
- For the year, we have had 10 new members. Carole read their names out loud for the group.
- They will have a date for the New Member Tea/Brunch at the October Meeting and will be sometime in February 2023.
- All summer birthdays (July and August) are posted on the Bulletin Board plus the September birthdays.
- Correspondence has also been posted on the Bulletin Board for your perusal.
- Closet Organizers spend so much time arranging, organizing and cataloging all the inventory that the WC has in the downstairs closet as well as in the attic. Carole Kaczynski, Peggy DeVivo and Susan Walker asked that an update be read

by Pat Farkas to the group on how to maintain the storage closet's organization and integrity.

b. Spiritual Facilitators- Mary Anne Fox, Christine Schwartz, Jessica Senese

- The Women's Club calendar has all the dates for the year. See handout on the tables.
- Mark your calendar for November 29, at 8:30am when we will have Mass for the deceased members of our club. Please sign up on the Sign-up sheets to help during Mass.
- Also mark your calendar for February 28, 2023 for our Day of Prayer. Sister Kathy Adamski will be sharing information on the Eucharist and adoration. More details to come!
- Reminder: Jan. 4, 2023 is the 8:30am Mass for Elizabeth Ann Seton.
- There are 2 rosaries from Israel that Members can borrow for a 2-week period. Contact Mary Ann or Christine Schwartz.
- The Women's Club has the 3-4pm time frame during First Friday adoration. At 3, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. It takes approximately 20-25 minutes to pray/sing. If you can't come for the whole hour, please feel free to just stop by and pray the Chaplet with us.
- Prayer Partner process: This is new and a monthly opportunity to submit specific prayer requests. Information was on the tables for review and to explain this new process. Basically, take a petition when the meeting is over and pray for that petition every day until the next meeting.
- Please remember to continue to send your prayer requests to Kathy Knittel too.
- Feb. 28, 2023 is the Day of Prayer.

## 11. Special Projects

a. Arts and Crafts Fair - Cami Delaney/ Debbie Allen (absent)

- Total paid vendors = 63 per Debbie Allen
- Still have 3 available vendor spaces outside.
- All vendors will be asked for a donation to the Silent Auction however, the donation will probably not be available until that Thursday before the festival.
- Many vendors have opted to bring their own tables.
- Lots of Sign-Up Sheets for needed volunteers for the festival.
- There will be announcements at all 3 weekend Masses as well as an interview by a TV station!
- Signs are being re-worked and updated as well as special signs for food drop offs.
- We are asking for 1-2 volunteers to shadow Pat Farkas to learn how the tables are taped off and marked out on the PLC floor prior to the festival.
- Book Sale should be easier this year since we have the back hall in the PLC to use. Collection of items will start at the end of September.
- Cami asked that all of our members please consider donation a new item for the Silent Auction or baking some items for the Bake Sale.
- Cami also noted that she sold her house and is moving to Daniel Island area.
- Nancy Cunnane and Nancy Szarowicz put out flyers on the tables for members to take and post at various locations of your choice to get out the word on the Craft Festival.

b. Kitchen Cupboard - Jan Frieden

- Preorders will be taken 10/1. Big sales are Chicken Pot Pies, Shepherd's Pie and Tomato Pies. They are adding Jambalaya this year.
- The pans to make these are now ready to pick up by our members.
- Women's Club members have been making these items for more than 10 years but every year they always run out.

- Save your boxes so we can give to people to transport their items during the Arts & Craft Festival to their car.
- If you do not want to cook but still want to participate you can still make a cash donation.
- A “special thank you” to the Willbrook Food Lion who has been so generous in giving us discounts on meats, produce and the frozen vegetables that are needed to make the casseroles. They have been very good to us!

## 12. Old Business

### a. Plant sale - Melanie Bulman

- Thank you for your participation. Today is the last day for orders.
- Mum sales have been going down over the past few years. Pick up your Mums on Friday, 9/16 between 10a-12p at the PLC.
- Christmas sales were low too.
- Next sale will be Spring time.

### b. Sip and Chat Update - Pat Farkas

- Marcia Olenchock and Anna Dudash are chairing this new function. Let them know if you want to host at your house. Sign up to bring appetizer, wine, tea, etc.
- First meeting will take place at Marcia Olenchuck’s house on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.

## 13. New Business

### a. Speaker Angela Barwick, Program Director, Neighbor to Neighbor (Senior Companionship Program) (Introduction by: Mary Ann Fox)

- New program that started in 2005 and provides rides to homebound seniors, can make calls to seniors to check in, food pantry drop-off for isolated seniors throughout Georgetown and Horry counties.
- Depression and suicide rates are “off the chart” for folks 85 and over. Huge need for assistance.
- Her program engages volunteers that are 55 and up to check on people 65 and up. Hoping to pair people with like interests.

- Volunteers get mileage and \$2.80 for a snack for your day of volunteering.
- Currently have 14 volunteers but needs 75 to serve 280 clients.
- Informational flyers were left on the tables

b. The Ark Experience - Sharon Roberts

- Opportunity offered just for PBOC WC members to visit the Ark in Kentucky. Needs to add names to her Waiting List for May, 2023. There will be another trip in June 2023.
- Replication of ark to exact dimensions in Bible, the animals, the garden on top of the Ark.
- Also, a trip to the Creation Museum and other sites like the 7-story waterfall Daniel Boone National Forest.
- \$695 for most items on trip.

14. Lunch today - Pat Farkas

- Board provided Salad Bar and appetizers.
- Please consider signing up to volunteer for this important and vital part of the Women's Club. Volunteers are needed every month.

15. Announcements: Dates to Remember

- September 22 - Board Meeting in Classroom 3
- October 6 - General Meeting 11:00 PLC
- October 7 - First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm
- October 13 -Sip and Chat 4-6 pm Marcia Olenchock's home at 195 Trace Drive Pawleys Island

16. Ending Prayer – Mary Ann Fox, Spiritual

17. Adjournment at 12:12pm– Pat Farkas, President

Respectfully submitted,

*Rita A. Foster*

Rita Foster, Secretary