

PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022 11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- Last week we lost someone who was very dear to us, our amazing leader, Pat Farkas. Words cannot express how sad we are and how much we will miss her. I'd like to ask for us to observe a moment of silence to honor Pat's memory.

2. Opening Prayer: Father Paul

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Quorum

5. Minutes of the September General Meeting: Rita Foster, Secretary

- Read a "Thank You" note from the family of Dorothy Jordan MacDonnell
- Rita asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the last meeting and then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes "as is" for filing.
- Nancy McMahon made the motion to accept the Minutes.

6. Financial Reports: Kathy Brochu, Treasurer

- Discussion of Treasurer's Report as of 9/30/22.
- Members agreed to accept the report for filing. Kathy Morris made the motion. It was accepted by a show of hands.
- Reminder to the Arts & Craft Fair committee members: Due to the Fair being held at month-end, please have all expenses submitted before the end of the fair so that the October end of month financial can be as accurate as possible.

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

- A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Precious Blood on Saturday, October 8th, 2022 at 12:00 noon, with inurnment in our columbarium after Mass, followed by a repast in the Parish Life Center. The Mass will be streamed and can be viewed via our parish website.
- For all of those who will be attending the mass the first 3 rows to the right of the center aisle will be reserved for the Current Board, the previous Board and Past Presidents and spouses. We're asking that the rest of the members sit behind those rows. Spouses are welcome to sit with you. We ask that you wear the color "Red" to identify our group as club members however, it's your preference. We will be handing out Black and Red ribbons at the Mass to wear with your club pin. If anyone can stay after the meeting today to help us assemble the ribbon pins, please see Debbie Clatterbuck.
- Some of you have been asking about donations. The family is asking in lieu of flowers, please perform an act of kindness or make a donation to Birthright of Georgetown (birthright.org/georgetown) in Pat's memory.
- Sharon Roberts is heading up the Repast Team after the Funeral and Inurnment. She is in need of 9 volunteers. She needs 4 people to be greeters at the 2 sets of doors of the PLC and 5 people to assist with the flow of people to the food tables

- In other news, there have been some changes to the Board. As you all know, I have taken on the President's Role. I realize I have big shoes to fill and will do my best, with the help of the Board members, to make it a seamless transition. I thank all of you for the support you have shown to us in the last 2 weeks.
- Jeanne Rosol has moved into the 1st Vice President's position and we're very happy to welcome Claire Turner to the 2nd Vice President's position. Kathy Brochu will remain as Treasurer and Rita Foster will remain as Secretary.
- One last thing, in honor of Pat, I would like to continue using the Saint Elisabeth Ann Seton's saying as our motto this year "He (God) only sees the Heart."

8. First Vice President's Report: Jeanne Rosol

- We have planned our Christmas Luncheon to be at Oceans' One at Litchfield Beach for Thursday, December 1st. Doors will open at 11:00am and lunch, which will consist of an entrée and dessert, will be served at 12:00pm. The cost is \$26. There will be 3 choices: chicken, vegetarian, and a meat entree. We will have the Sign-up genius in place later this month when the menu is finalized, and a Sign-up sheet at the November meeting.
- Family Justice, once again, will be the recipient of gift certificates from those of us who wish to contribute. Mark your calendars for December 1st and plan to attend.

9. Second Vice President's Report: Jeanne Rosol

- We have a confirmed reservation for the Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival on Saturday, November 19th, at 10:30am. If you have never been, it is a display of several lovely and unique mangers, created by artists using a variety of materials.
- Sign-up Sheet is out today for those of you who would like to join us. We would have to carpool, so those who do not care to drive, could be passengers. It takes about 1 1/2 hours to get there, so we should leave @ 8:30am.
- Probably stopping for lunch afterwards. If anyone has any suggestions, like favorite restaurants in the Moncks Corner area, or on the way home, please see Jeanne after the meeting.

10. Appointed Officers

a. Membership: Peggy DeVivo

- The September General Meeting, the first meeting for the new Women's Club year which was held on September 8, 2022, appropriately on the Feast of the birthday of Our Lady, was attended by 76 members. A quorum was met.
- At sign-in, 38 members renewed their 2022-23 membership. As of the September meeting, a total of 184 active members were on the membership list, 108 members renewed, with 76 memberships not yet renewed.
- Renewal reminders will be sent in an upcoming "e-mail blast".
- The message Board was well received with a number of members looking on the sheets of well wishes for their birthdays, which had been celebrated over the summer.
- New Member Luncheon is 2/7/23 along with the Board!

b. Spiritual Facilitators: Christine Schwartz

- b. Ways & Means (Yvonne Chadwick)
 - Yvonne wanted to start by saying “thank you” for all the support for the Belk Charity Sale.
 - Tickets will be on sale on Friday during the Arts & Crafts Festival. The actual Belk Sale dates are 10/27-10/30/22.
 - If you don’t want to purchase a ticket to shop, the Women’s Club would appreciate your donation.

11. Special Projects

a. Arts and Crafts Fair: Cami Delaney

- Thanked all the volunteers for their efforts.
- Vendors- PLC space full plus all classrooms and outside area!
- Nancy Szarowicz has gotten out all the publicity signs.
- Everything seems to be ready to go!

12. Old Business

a. Plant sale: Melanie Bulman

- Melanie and Sue Webster sold Mums this Fall.
- Would like to thank all those who did purchase a mum. We sold 153 mums for a net profit of \$757.00. This money goes to the Ways and Means Committee. Unfortunately, the mums were a bit dry and not as robust looking as previous years. For that we are sorry. The Board did discuss that maybe it is time to move away from flower sales.
- There will be no Christmas Flower sale this year.

c. Sip and Chat Update: Marcia Olenchock spoke

- Reinstated from the past due to Covid.
- Welcome to all, especially the very new members!
- The first Sip N’ Chat was a very successful event.

c. Women’s Club Closet Inventory: Susan Walker

- Thank you to everyone who accesses the closet and attic areas and returns the items to the place where they were located. There have been a number of items just left in the room after use. Carol Kaczynski, Peggy DeVivo and Susan Walker are the leaders of this area.
- Any items which have been left on the floor of the WC Closet area will be either: Discarded if determined to be of no use to anyone in the future or will be stored on the top shelves for use by all committees.
- This may affect future expenses for the committee initially purchasing the items and need to replace them since they will be available for use by all committees.
- The closet and attic will be inventoried after the Arts and Crafts show in October.
- The Closet Inventory Chairs will not be responsible for counting what is in the bins or boxes. We request each committee to do an actual accounting of the items, before they are stored, for their budgeting purposes.

13. New Business

a. Grants: Jessica Duzendorf

- The purpose of our Community Outreach Grant Program is to assist non-profit community organizations that serve the disadvantaged; the physically, developmentally, and educationally challenged; the seriously ill; and the victimized members of the community, from birth through adulthood. Our focus is to serve children and families.
- The monies we raise from our Craft Fair, and Fashion Show are used to give grants to the organizations that apply by completing a comprehensive Grant Application.
- The deadline for submission will be February 15, 2023. At that time, each of our committee members will take applications and go through the process of qualifying and verifying the organizations. Each of the members will present their findings and recommendations to the rest of the committee. After discussion, the committee will make decisions on the amount of money the qualified charity should get.
- These grant recommendations will be presented to the Women's Club at the April meeting, and will be voted on in May.
- Each year we review the application and make changes that are needed. This year we would like to raise the maximum amount that can be given to an organization from \$2500 to \$3000. This is so we have the flexibility, if the situation arises, that we can give some additional money. We are not anticipating giving out \$3000 grants, but if we are fortunate to have raised more funds that need to be distributed, we have the ability to do so.
- Therefore, we would like to, at this time, vote to raise the maximum amount that can be given to \$3000.
- Discussion
- Eloise Temple made a motion to accept the Grants Committee proposal to adopt the \$3000 as the new maximum amount that can be given to a charity.
- Michelle Schneider seconded the motion. It was adopted by a show of hands.
- Members asked to vote "Yea or Nay"
- Reminder: Bring baked goods to the Craft Fair

14. Kitchen Cupboard

- Wanted to let everyone know that they were currently taking pre-orders for items in the Kitchen Cupboard.
- Deadline for pre-orders was 10/18/22.

15. Lunch today: Louanna Sowa; Baked Potato Bar

- Thanks to the Kitchen Team who did an outstanding job on the lunch preparations!

16. Announcements Dates to Remember

October 13	Sip and Chat 4-6 pm Marcia Olenchock's home 195 Trace Drive Pawleys Island
October 20	Board Meeting Classroom 3
October 28	Arts & Craft Fair (9-5p)
October 29	Arts & Craft Fair (9-4p)
November 3	General Meeting at the PLC

November 4 First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet
November 19 Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival
November 29 Deceased Members Mass 8:30 am
December 1 Christmas Luncheon Ocean's 1 in Pawleys Island

17. Prayer: Christine Schwartz
18. Adjournment at 11:57am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President