

PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2022 11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 11:07am– Nancy Crosbie, President

2. Opening Prayer: Mary Anne Fox, Spiritual Facilitator

Mary Anne Fox offered an opening prayer to the day's patron saint, St. Martin de Porres, and the prayer to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Quorum

5. Minutes of the October General Meeting: Rita Foster, Secretary (out/sick)

- The October Minutes were on the tables for review.
- Since Rita was out sick, Nancy Crosby 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.
- Michelle Schneider made the motion to accept the Minutes.
- Denise Lee graciously agreed to take Minutes in Rita's absence.

6. Financial Reports: Kathy Brochu, Treasurer

- Discussion of the 10/31/22 Financial Reports
- 2021 A & C income comparison: Income = \$14678.04. Expenses = \$3204.01.
Net = \$11474.03
- Kathy reviewed the 10/31/22 Financial Reports, concentrating on the Arts & Craft Festival. She thanked everyone who helped at cashier tables at the festival. The 2022 budget amount for the festival was \$3700. The 2022 budget came in under that amount at \$3307.68.
- The festival income was \$24,677.92 and expenses were \$3,307.68 for a profit of \$21,370.24. Kathy stated she expects some additional expenses to come in that will be less than \$100, so we will still be under budget for the event.
- In 2021, the A & C income was \$14,678.04 and expenses were \$3,204.01, for a net profit of \$11,474.03
- Credit card totals from the A & C Festival that Square transferred to the Bank was \$3378.26. Having the credit card capability available was very helpful.
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- Mum sales - There was an adj./payment to Callas this month for 4 extra Mums we had purchased.
- Income budget was \$2700; Expense budget was \$1500
- Income = \$2264.53; Expense = \$1471.76
- By a show of hands, the financial report for October was accepted.

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

- What a weekend we've had! The A & C Festival is one of our biggest fund raisers for the Women's Club and it was a rousing success. Thank you to Debbie Allen and Camie Delaney as

Co-chairs for an amazing job. They couldn't have done it without our wonderful group of volunteers - from the Kitchen Cupboard ladies led by Jan Frieden and Kathy Monnich who cooked non-stop for weeks – they had a bit of a snafu but I'll let them tell about it, the Kitchen Cafe Team led by Denise Lee and Eileen Birchenough who ran it like a well-oiled machine, the Used Books organizers led by Michelle Schneider, who are probably repeating the alphabet in their sleep, the Silent Auction ladies led by Shirley Bole, Marie Nadeau and Teri Singer, who did an outstanding job of displaying, pricing and policing the Auction tables, Patty Chiapetta who led an army of bakers who baked yummy treats for the Bake Sale, Joanne Gagliano for our beautiful Fall Floral front entry, to Debbie Allen and Kathy Brochu for taping the floor plan – not an easy feat. Everyone just put their shoulder to the wheel and “got 'er done”.

- There's too many to name everyone individually, but I'd like all who volunteered with the Festival to stand. Let's please give them a hearty round of applause.
- A testament to how well the Festival was run is the fact that 40 of the vendors have already registered for next year. Towards the end of Saturday, I walked around and talked with many of the vendors and all said they had record sales and it is the best run show in the area. Bravo everyone!
- Well, this last month has been a dizzying whirlwind for me and the Board. I'm still reeling from the loss of Pat Farkas. Many times, when I'm not sure how to proceed or have a difficult decision to make, I pray to Pat for guidance. “What would Pat do?” is a question I frequently ask myself. I have received so much support from past Presidents, Board members and all of you. I can't tell you how much it means to me.
- Yes, I've made some mistakes but hopefully with your prayers, help and patience I will get better at this job as time goes on. It is a privilege to serve and work with all of you and I hope to make Pat and all of you proud.
- We have some exciting events coming up – Mepken Abbey and our Christmas luncheon but I'll let my fellow Board Members tell you about those. And since our first Sip 'N Chat was such a fun afternoon, we're doing it again at Sue Rovner's home. Sue will provide details. We also have the Deceased Members Mass. Our Spiritual Facilitator will have more information to give you about it.
- I'd also like to thank some of our unsung heroes, Kathy Knittel for the wonderful job she does of sending out all of the prayer requests we send her. (*Kathy was asked to stand.*)
- Also, our Kitchen Ladies who have volunteered their time to prepare and serve our delicious lunches. (*The Kitchen Ladies were asked to come out from the kitchen.*)
- Speaking of the Kitchen Ladies, we need to think of something different for the lunches we serve at our General Meetings. We all enjoy having the time to visit with other members but it's getting harder and harder to find people to plan and cook a meal. It seems the task of cooking lunch always falls to the same women and they want a break. So, we will be discussing alternatives at our next Board meeting. If anyone has any suggestions, please feel free to email. Today we are having pizzas, cheese and pepperoni and Caesar Salad.
- If you haven't done so already, please check out the tables against the wall for sign-up sheets for our upcoming events and kitchen help for the next meeting in January.
- Nancy again thanked everyone for their support.
- Nancy read a sympathy card in memory of Pat Farkas that was sent to the Women's Club from Camp Rise Above.

8. First Vice President's Report: Jeanne Rosol

- The Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 1. We will be at Austin's Ocean One. The doors will open at 11:00, and lunch will be served at noon. We have been offered very nice choices for lunch, namely: Grilled Chicken Roma, Beef Tenderloin Tips, and Grilled Seafood Salad. Reservations need to be in by November 15, so please sign up today, or on Sign-up Genius at our website. The cost is \$26. I'll be at the signup table after the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the luncheon.
- Also, please consider bringing a gift certificate to be presented to the Family Justice League. They give aid to those victims of domestic abuse.
- Kim Parsons, the executive director, will be at the luncheon to receive the gifts.

9. Second Vice President's Report: Claire Turner

- The Mepkin Abbey Trip is scheduled for November 19th. We will be leaving the church at 8:30 AM for a 10:30 AM reservation. We may be able to use the parish bus, or we will carpool and have lunch afterwards at a place to be determined.

10. Appointed Officers

a. Membership Peggy DeVivo and Carole Kaczynski

- Membership Renewals have come in between signing up at the September General Meeting and by mail. A request will be made at the General Meeting about making sure everyone renews. Membership runs from September 1 to August 31 of each calendar year and are delinquent after November 1 of the same calendar year.

As of September 30, 2022,

128 members renewed,
14 new members,
6 inactive members renewed
51 members still need to renew.

- An ad has been placed in the church bulletin asking if anyone is interested in becoming a member to please contact us or go to the PBOC WC website to get a Membership Form to complete and send with their check for \$20.00.
- "Reminder to Renew" cards have been sent to those who have not submitted their dues.
- A list of the members who haven't renewed will be available for review at the sign-in table at the General Meeting in case those members thought they renewed but didn't.
- Current member information lists will be distributed at the November meeting. If anything at all changes regarding their information, phone#, email, address, spelling errors in their name etc., please let membership know.
- The new members luncheon the first Monday in February 2023.
- Lastly, please remember to make all the new members feel they are welcomed at each of our meetings.

Closet Inventory

- The Closet Inventory will be completed within the next few weeks and we will have a report for you by the December Board meeting.

- Apparently 4 of the auction items were not claimed and are still in the WC closet.
- We will give the A&C committee a little while to sort them out before starting the inventory.

b. Spiritual Facilitator Mary Anne Fox

- Tomorrow is 1st Friday. The Women's Club has the 3 to 4 pm hour. We pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm. If you cannot attend the entire hour, come at 3pm and join us in praying the Chaplet for the first 20 minutes.
- Just a reminder about our Prayer Partner process. Write a prayer petition or petitions, take a petition as you leave and pray for it until the next meeting. Instructions and paper are on each table.
- Please note that because of the Lenten Parish Mission from February 27 to March 2, our Day of Prayer has been rescheduled to Tuesday April 25th! We want you to attend the mission and having a Day of Prayer during it may make it hard and tiring to do both.
- We have two rosaries from the Holy Land that can be borrowed for 2 weeks. See Christine Schwartz or Mary Anne Fox to "sign" one out.
- Mary Anne is looking for a couple of volunteers for the 11/29 Mass for deceased members of the Women's Club. Need a greeter, someone to read the Prayers of the Faithful (petitions) and someone to help serve light refreshments in the Narthex. The sign-up sheet is on the table.
- There is also a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the Jan 4 Mass for St Elizabeth Ann Seton, our patron.

c. Ways and Means – Yvonne Chadwick

- Belk Charity Sale tickets were sold at the arts and crafts festival, at the Belk store and in the church office. The total proceeds were \$375. At the craft fair, Marianne Anderson and Eloise Temple were instrumental in helping with sales as well as acting as greeters.
- The lower receipts can be attributed to the lack of ticket availability until after the October general meeting, lack of merchandise in the Murrells Inlet store, and online purchases not being available.
- Yvonne thanked Camie Delaney and Debbie Allen for allowing her to remain in her usual spot at the festival. It was perfect to be a greeter as well as to discuss the charity sale with each new shopper.

11. **Special Projects**

a. Arts and Crafts Fair Recap: Debbie Allen, Co-chair

- Debbie thanked everyone for their efforts to support the festival. To date, 52 vendors have registered for new year. There are only 9 spaces left in the gym.
- Patty Chiappetta thanked everyone for their donations of baked goods. The bake sale made the most money they ever did.

b. Kitchen Cupboard Recap: Jan Frieden and Kathy Monnich

- General thank you to the membership for their support and special thanks to our “staff”. Brief explanation of how KC operated.
- The “Thursday disaster”. How we handled it based on professional advice.
- Potential large deficit for the club. Over \$800 in prepared food lost with a selling value of \$2029. Jan thanked the members for their support and offered a special thanks to the cooking team.
- She explained that Rocky Gray called her and Kathy on October 13 (the day of the sip and chat) to tell them that two freezers in the PLC kitchen were not operating. The problem was that the two freezers were plugged into the same circuit and one of the compressors failed.
- It took several hours to clean up all the defrosted food. It was very disheartening. They called the other cooks and decided on the next steps to take. They lost less than one third of the food that had been prepared. It was a potential large deficit for the club, with over \$800 in prepared food lost with a selling value of \$2029.
- They received advice from food industry professionals to not publicize the problem for fear of a negative effect on sales at the arts and crafts festival. They never intended to deceive the Women Club members. An insurance claim was considered, but it was insufficient. Father Paul wanted to reimburse the Women’s Club for the loss and gave us a check for \$2029.
- Six eggplant parm casseroles were left over and they will be used for the lunch after the January general meeting.

c. Boutique Auction: Debbie Clatterbuck

- Yvonne Chadwick & Debbie Clatterbuck are co-chairs of the 2023 Boutique Auction to be held on Sunday, January 22nd in the PLC.
- Just wanted to remind the ladies to start saving their gently worn clothing, handbags, scarves & jewelry. They won’t be collecting your wardrobe “goodies” till the week of January 16th.
- Remember all clothing donations should arrive in the PLC on hangers.

d. Fashion Show: Denise Lee and Eileen Birchenough

- Eileen Birchenough and Denise Lee will co-chair the 2023 fashion show, which will be held on March 23, 2023 at Pawleys Plantation. Their first planning meeting is today, November 3.
- Key committee chairs have been identified, including prize patrol, theme/decorations, models, publicity, sponsors and ticket sales. We still need a chair for raffle ticket sales. Sign-up sheets are available at today's meeting for these committees. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer.

12. Old Business

a. Sip 'N Chat Update: Sue Rovner

- The next Sip ‘N Chat is scheduled for Thursday, November 17 at Sue Rovner’s home, 746 Savannah Drive in Pawleys Plantation in Pawleys Island.
- Directions to her home are to take the first right turn after going through the security guard area and continue for .7 mile to the end at a cul de sac. Her home is a white 2-story house. Due to the end of daylight savings time, the time will be 3:00 – 5:00 pm. She reminded everyone to wear their name tags, but she will have paper name tags available.

13. New Business

a. St. Christopher's Day of Giving: Carol Steinis

- St Christopher's Children is one the recipients of the Precious Blood Women's Club grants program. They are having their Giving Tuesday Open House Event on Tuesday, November 29 from 4 to 6 pm – It will be at their Resale shop located at 12017 Ocean Highway in Pawleys Island.
- Join them for free food and raffle drawings. Not to mention shopping in their fabulous store. All money raised from this event will benefit the disadvantaged children of Georgetown County.
- Fliers explaining the event have been placed on the tables. Thank you for your support.

b. Women's Club Website Training and our Club newsletter: Kathy Morris

Training

- Have you ever seen our Women's Club website: wcpboc.com? The website provides a wealth of information about our wonderful Club, and is currently our most effective means of getting certain information out to all Members.... Our Membership Directory (with names, addresses, phone #'s and email addresses of all current members), our Monthly meeting minutes and financial reports, our calendar of upcoming meetings and events, Board and Chairpersons, photos and much more.... We try to eliminate the printing of all of these documents, so it is important that all members have access to this information. Kathy has found it very helpful to quickly get a phone or email for our members.
- Kathy will be holding a "Computer/website Class" at 10:00 in Classroom 3 next Tuesday, November 8th. She will review the various components of the website. (Some of this info is password protected, and she will assist if you have questions in that area.) Following this demonstration, Kathy will be available to try to assist with any tech questions you may have on your specific device. So, feel free to bring your phones, iPads, or laptops with you.
- You can sign up today on the signup sheet, or, sign up on our website.
- Class is Tuesday, Nov 8th at 10am.

Newsletter:

- A few times a year, Kathy publishes a Club Newsletter (traditionally called "The Messenger"). Please take the time to take a look at the last issue on the website (under MEMBERS). I hope to get the next one out by Mid-November, so I am asking for your assistance in submitting content to me – articles on past or upcoming club events, stories to share, poems, inspirational writings, jokes, etc. You can send to me either via email, mail, or in the WC mailbox in the office.

c. Prayer Chain for Life: Nancy Crosbie

- Gloria Dausch from the Respect Life Ministry asked me to tell you about The Prayer Chain for Life. The Rosary for the Unborn will be prayed this Sunday, November 6th after the 10:30 AM Mass.
- The rosary will be prayed at the Monument to the Unborn, weather permitting or before the Blessed Mother in the sanctuary. We pray you will join us.

d. Thanksgiving Pie Sale - Knights of Columbus: Nancy Crosbie

- Once again, the K of C are having their Thanksgiving Pie Sale. There are flyers and Order Forms on the tables.
- The pies will be made by Max Goree. He will be baking:
- Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Apple, Dutch Apple with Crumb Top, Pecan, Cherry, Coconut Custard, Key Lime
- Orders must be placed by Tuesday, November 15th.
- Pick up your pies on Tuesday, November 22nd, between 9 AM and 3 PM
- You can also visit the K of link on the Parish Website for more information.

e. Miscellaneous Reminders

- Nancy reminded everyone about the PBOC gala on December 2 at the Village House in Pawleys Island. All parishioners received an invitation.
- Susan Walker stated that there will be a Land Use and Gentrification workshop on Thursday, November 16 at 5:30 pm at Mt. Zion Missionary Church, 365 Parkersville Road in Pawleys Island sponsored by the Bunnelle Foundation. Workshop topics include planning, zoning, board of zoning adjustment, planning commission, variance and gentrification. She said this is an important discussion involving heirs' property and rezoning issues.

15. Announcements Dates to Remember

Nov. 4	First Friday Divine Mercy Chaplet (3-4pm)
Nov. 6	Prayer Chain for Life
Nov. 8	Computer Class - Club Website 10:00 AM Classroom #3
Nov. 17	Sip and Chat 4-6 pm Sue Rovner's home 746 Savannah Drive, Pawleys Island
Nov.19	Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival; Meet at 8:30 AM at the Church
Nov.29	Deceased Members Mass 8:30 am
Dec. 1,	Christmas Luncheon Ocean's 1, Pawleys Island Doors Open at 11:00 AM Lunch at 12:00 Noon
Dec. 15	Board Meeting
Jan. 5	General Meeting 11AM PLC

16. Closing Prayer: Mary Anne Fox

- A closing prayer and grace before meals was led by Mary Anne Fox.
- New member photos were taken by Monica Roncagliolo.

17. Adjournment at: 12:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President