

PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2023 11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Nancy Crosbie

2. Opening Prayer: Christine Schwartz, Jessica Senese

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Quorum present? – Yes, per Carole Kaczynski from the Membership Committee

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

- Nancy Crosbie emailed the January Minutes out along with today's meeting reminder. There is also a copy of the table for your review.
- Rita asked if there were any corrections to the January Minutes and then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes "as is" for filing.
- Michelle Schneider made the motion to accept the Minutes.
- By a show of hands, the Membership accepted the Minutes.

6. Financial Reports: Kathy Brochu, Treasurer

- Discussion of 1/31/23 Treasurer's Report
- Discussion of the Boutique Action "Fun-raiser" - Boutique auction results vs. budget and a comparison to last year.
- Thanked cashiers that volunteered for
- Expected \$3k but surpassed that amount! Net income for 2023 was \$3487.
- Expenses were under budget.

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

- We have so many exciting things coming up this new year.
- We just had a great Boutique Auction thanks to the efforts of Debbie Clatterbuck and Yvonne Chadwick and their amazing crew. Unfortunately, Debbie was sick the day of the Auction and wasn't able to join us. It was a really well-organized event with lots of extra touches such as the dressing rooms with rugs and mirrors and the Boutique Buzz. Debbie will tell us more about in a few minutes Attention was paid to the details.
- Catherine Briggs hosted a fun Sip 'N Chat at her lovely home with beautiful views of the Inlet.
- Our next Sip 'N Chat will be at Lucy Slomkowski's home in the River Club on February 23, from 3-5 PM. Her address is listed below in the Important Dates to Remember Section. There is a sign-up sheet for the next event.
- Sue Ann Appel hosted our first Reel Time for this year - The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. I was sorry I had to miss it but I was wending my way back to the states from the land of down under. I heard that, unfortunately, the heat wasn't working in the classroom and it was very cold. You'll be happy to know the heat has been fixed. Sue Ann will tell us more about Reel Time later in today's meeting.

- Some of our upcoming events include the New Members Brunch, the Lenten Ministry Fair, the Irish Soda Bread Sale, the Fashion Show, Simple Supper and Day of Prayer. I'll let the respective Committee Members tell us about them.
- The Church is hosting a Lenten Ministry Fair the weekend of the February 25th and 26th after each of the 3 Masses. There will be a tent set up outside of the Church with representatives from each of the Ministries. Refreshments will be served inside the tent. Attendees will receive a bag when they enter the tent for handouts from each of the ministries.
- We will have an 8' Table and 2 Trifold Boards for Info and Pictures. (Monica, I need to talk to you about pictures.) We need members to represent the Women's Club - 2-3 women (including 1 Board Member) for each Mass. We also need someone to make the Trifold Boards.
- At the booth, we will have handouts about the club, New Member Packets and we will use the Ornaments of the Church as Give-aways. There is a Sign-up sheet for Women's Club representatives and anyone who can create the Trifold Boards. We provide 2 Black Tri-fold Boards.
- Finally, lunch today is Pizza and Salad. Thank you all for coming!

8. Second Vice President's Report: Claire Turner

- I spoke to Darla Moore Farms Arboretum today and confirmed our reservation for Friday, April 14th.
- I told her we may have up to 30 people, but would confirm the # a week before. Cost will be \$5 a person for the guided tour and our tour time is 11:00am. The tour is approximately 1.5 hours, but then we could roam. Pay when you get there.
- The private room at the farm that Peggy mentioned cost \$450 to rent and you need to hire a caterer or bring box lunches. I said we didn't need that.
- She said the Green Frog in Lake City could accommodate us. I looked at their menu and there are choices from salads to sandwiches. They will let us use their private room for \$25. I went ahead and reserved it and will get back with them a week before the trip.
- Please give me feedback! I feel like I am back planning. 6th grade field trip! No permission slips though!

9. Appointed Officers

a. Membership: Carole Kaczynski

- Our paid members are 186 which includes 21 new members. We will be having our New Member Brunch on 2/6/23.
- Please note to please wear your name badges each time at our GM. This makes it easy now as Peggy and I when we check you off - *there is no signing in - just checking in.* We're hoping that this will lessen the lines when you come in by the Membership table. This way you can have a chance to go over to the volunteer tables and see where you can participate on all the lists that are out. Please help where you can.
- Also, remember to always let us know if you ever have any changes in your name, address, email or phone number so we can keep our Membership Roster List updated.
- Don't forget to check our bulletin board for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this month - Happy Birthday and all the best for the coming year to you all.

- Monthly door prize drawing was done.

b. Spiritual Facilitators: Christine Schwartz, Jessica Senese

- Invited members to join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on First Friday, 2/3 from 3-4pm.
- Reminded members to pray for each other.
- Reminded members of the availability of the Holy Land Rosary that Father Paul brought back. Can use for 2 weeks.
- Invited members to sign up to help with Simple Supper (3/31) - signup sheet available on table.
- Invited members to sign up to help with Day of Prayer (4/25) planning - signup sheet available on table. Publicity, Hostess, Registration, table decorations, etc. assistance needed.
- Good response to Prayer Petitions for January.
- Gave information about St. Valentine.

c. Ways & Means: Denise Lee

- We want to remind the members that the Irish Soda Bread project will be in March again this year. We will distribute baking pans/lids and recipes at the March General Meeting.
- As had been agreed to by the membership, we will not distribute the dry ingredients this year.
- The soda bread sale will be the weekend of March 11 and 12.
- Sign-up sheets for selling the bread after all the masses that weekend will be available at the February and March meetings.

10. Special Committees

a. Boutique Auction – Debbie Clatterbuck

- What a spectacular result of many hands, hours and hard work in planning & organizing the 2023 Boutique Auction! Unfortunately, I was not able to participate in Sunday's activities but I want to thank all of the ladies that stepped up and ran the auction in my absence. I would like the following ladies to stand & remaining standing when I say your name: Eileen Birchenough, Shirley Bole, Melanie Bulman, Nancy Crosbie, Rita Foster, Sabina Kowalski, Donna Martin, Tricia Palm, Linda Petrocco, Joyce Robertson, Michelle Schneider, Nancy Szarowicz, Trudy Wood and last but not least my Co-Chair, Yvonne Chadwick. Please stay standing.....
- And now all of our members who volunteered on Thursday & Friday for receiving & sorting, our kitchen, stylist, jewelry, floaters & those who stayed behind to close up & put away. We could not have had a "Boutique Auction" without each & everyone one of you.

- And let's not forget our "unsung hero" of the Boutique Auction, Rocky Grey, who helped us with the rack collecting & returning. Let's give this "team" a big applause and thank you for all of their hard work!

Now for a quick recap of the **2023 BOUTIQUE AUCTION**"

- **TICKETS** – Before the event; at Masses for two weekends, at Board & General Meetings & upon request. 79 tickets for \$5
At the door, day of the event. 67 tickets for \$6
Total Tickets sold – 157
- **SUCSESSES** - "Boutique Buzz" Thanks you Tricia Palm for the beautiful display! Who could resist not buying a "Boutique Buzz", I even heard of people buying two or three of them. Cheers! Wine cost will be raised to \$3 per glass next year.
- Next year & beer, sodas & small bottled water(8oz) will be available for purchase.
- "Dressing rooms" – Thanks Sabina for your creative signage and making sure dressing rooms were neatly maintained.
- We were able to increase our sales in all categories & add a new category too.
- **WON'T REPEAT** - We tried a table of shoes..... we won't be doing them again in 2024.
- **CHARITIES** - Net Profits of \$3,412 will go to our 2023 Grants Program that will be awarded in June at our luncheon.
- Remaining clothes, jewelry/accessories, shoes & hangers were dispersed to St. Christopher's Children & St. Cyprian's Outreach Program.
- **THANK YOU & RECAP RECEPTION** - Hold the date of February 16th, 2023. Time & location to follow shortly. You will be contacting by email.

b. Reel Time- Sue Ann Appel

- The first Reel Time for 2023 was held in classroom #1 in the PLC on 1/10 @ noon.
- The movie was "the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
- Popcorn, water, tea, coffee, and cake were served
- 9 people attended
- It was very cold in the room because the heat was not working (per Pat Sears). 3 people left during the movie, hopefully due to the cold and not the movie.
- The next "Reel Time" will be held on 2/14 at 12:00pm in classroom #1 of the PLC.
- Movie showing will be "Julie and Julia." (Movie about Julia Child)
- Popcorn, water, tea, coffee and a Valentine's Day treat will be served!

c. Fashion Show – Denise Lee and Eileen Birchenough

- The fashion show decorating committee is busy creating the Faberge egg centerpieces for the event.
- The prize patrol committee needs whatever basket the members have to donate to be filled with gifts. And volunteers are still needed to donate themed gift baskets. The next

meeting will be after the general meeting today. Looking for people to put the baskets together and for members to put together gift baskets to auction.

- The 2023 fashion show is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at Pawleys Plantation. The theme will be "A Spring Fashion EGGstravaganza!" The fashions will be provided by Chicos in Pawleys Island and the ticket price is \$40 per person.
- The menu will be:
 - ❖ Caesar salad with grilled chicken
 - ❖ Cobb salad with tomatoes, bacon, ham, cheese and hard-boiled eggs
 - ❖ Zucchini boat with sauteed vegetables and rice
- There will be tables of 8 or 10 available at the fashion show. Tickets will be on sale at the general meeting in January and also at the boutique auction on January 22. Sponsor forms are available on the Women's Club website.
- The Fashion Show committee includes:
 - ❖ Sheila Cook/Marybeth Gagne - Prize Patrol
 - ❖ Kathy Knittel/Mary Kinzie - Ticket sales
 - ❖ Kathy Morris - Sponsors
 - ❖ Nancy McMahan/Carole Kaczynski - Models
 - ❖ Jeanne Rosol - Decorations
 - ❖ Patty Guazzo - Program design
 - ❖ Yvonne Chadwick - Photography
 - ❖ Nancy Szarowicz - Publicity
 - ❖ Sue Ann Appel - Raffle tickets
- The Prize Patrol committee needs help again with donated gift baskets. Last year, the women's club members generously donated 14 gift baskets. Please consider getting some of your friends together to make a gift basket. There are many themes you can consider: themed (Italian, French) dinner night; personal care basket; kitchen gadgets, seashore, gardening, "I Like to Sew," "Just Hanging Out," etc. Be creative! Baskets should be returned to the PLC by the third week of February.
- Sign-up sheets will be available at the General Meeting in February and March.

d. Moveable Feast: Peggy DeVivo

- I am sure many of you attend the Moveable Feast, and for those who don't know what it is, Linda Ketron and her staff at Class at Pawley's, arranges for authors to come to speak about their books and answer questions from those attending the event. The events are held at area restaurants. If you don't belong to a book club, it is a great way to meet other booklovers and learn about new books.
- One of our members, Linda Ludwig, helps with these events so I asked her if the Women's Club could have a table reserved for those who would like to go and don't know anyone to sit with. It's nice having lunch with friendly faces.
- I have flyers for the upcoming dates, you make your own reservation and ask to sit with the Women's Club. Hope to see you at an event.
- Flyers will be on the table to review authors/dates.

e. Nominating Committee: Carole Steinis

- Per the Women's Club By laws, there are five elected board positions.
- The following positions are for one-year terms: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- The position of President is for a two-year term. Nancy Crosbie will continue this position for another year.
- At this time, we notify the membership that there will be an election for the one-year term positions I just mentioned.
- The current Board Members holding these positions have agreed to stay on and run for another term – these include Jeanne Rosol, First Vice President, Claire Turner, Second Vice President, Kathy Brochu, Treasurer, and Rita Foster, Secretary.
- All current members of the club are invited to run for these positions as well. If you wish to be considered for a position, please let me know so we can go forward. See Linda Caswell or Carol Steinis if interested. All members who will be running will be announced and presented at the April General Meeting. Election of the officers will be at the May General Meeting.
- Are there any questions? Thank you and I highly recommend that members considering running for Board positions at some point. It is rewarding and a great way to get involved with this club.

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 3	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00pm
Feb. 6	New Member Brunch at Founders Hall
Feb. 23	New Members Brunch 10:00 AM Founder's Hall
Feb. 23	Board Meeting 9:15 AM PLC
Feb. 23	Sip 'N Chat - Luciann Slomkowski; 3-5 PM, 241 Old Point Rd, Pawleys Island
Feb. 25/26	Lenten Ministry Fair
March 2	General Meeting; 11:00AM; PLC
March 3	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00pm
March 11/12	Irish Soda Bread Sale at the weekend Masses
March 16	Sip 'N Chat- Rita Foster; 3-5pm; 16 Pinckney Rd. Georgetown (just south of P.I.)
March 25	Fashion Show at Pawley's Island Plantation
March 31	Simple Supper
April 25	Day of Prayer

17. Closing Prayer: Linda Caswell

18. Adjournment at: 11:52am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President