

PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023 11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order – Jeanne Rosol (Nancy Crosbie is on vacation)

2. Opening Prayer: Spiritual Facilitator, Mary Anne Fox

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Quorum present: Yes, per Peggy DeVivo from the Membership Committee

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

- Rita Foster emailed the March Minutes out to the Membership along with today's meeting reminder. To cut down on the amount of paper, a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board behind the Membership Check In area during the monthly meeting. The Minutes are also available for review on the Women's Club website.
- Rita asked if there were any corrections to the March Minutes and then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes "as is" for filing.
- Betsy Powers 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 the March's Treasurer's Report.
- Review attached report highlighting the net funds for Grants.
- Provide a summary of remaining Grant and Operating expenses for 2022-2023 fiscal year. We are on target to rollover between \$4k-\$5k. (Auditor's past advice is to rollover no more than \$5000. Also, note that we have \$4875 in prepaid Vendor fees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which will be reallocated in July to Grants income.
- Fiscal year ends the end of June. Still have various expenses remaining through June. Scholarship money of \$2000.00 are awarded to the college in July when the college acknowledges student will be attending in the Fall.

7. First Vice President: Jeanne Rosol

- Grants Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the DeBordieu Clubhouse.
- Cash Bar available.
- Doors will open at 11:00am.
- Lunch, which will consist of an entree and dessert, will be served at 12:00. The cost is \$30. There will be two choices, a Strawberry Kale salad with Grilled Chicken, and an Asian Noodle Salad with Salmon.
- I have a sign-up sheet at this meeting and will also have it at the May meeting. Mark your calendars. I hope to see you all there.

8. Second Vice President's Report: Claire Turner

- Trip to Darla Moore Arboretum and Tour scheduled for Friday, April 14th.
- Cost: \$5.00/pp; Departure: 9:00 AM from PBOC parking lot (Founders Hall side)
- Tour starts at 11:00 AM, lasting approx. 90 minutes
- Lunch to follow around 1:00 PM; The group has a reservation at the Green Frog Social House Lake City, SC. Car Pools are as follows:
 1. Debbie Clatterbuck: Driver
Yvonne Chadwick, Sabina Kowalski, Pam Bilella
 2. Rita Foster: Driver
Donna Martin, Claire Turner, Jeanne Rosol
 3. Susan Walker: Driver
Greta Morris, Anna Tonizzo, Mariana Pernaubez
 4. Dennis Lee, Driver
Guest, Beth Chascin, Patty Chiappetta, Kathy Morris
 5. Geri Emmanuele, Driver
Patti Guazzo, Jean Basseel, Debbie Gaboriault
- Please let me know if there are any changes.
- Let us hope for sunshine on Friday! If

Joy School – Claire gave a brief description of Joy School and has sign-up sheets out today. She has asked Martha Insignares to come to our May meeting. We will be making sandwiches and putting together bag lunches for the students. Summer club for young adults with learning disabilities. You can sign up as a team and make the sandwiches here at the PBOC Kitchen and then take over to the JOY School. The school is also looking for volunteers who can read, play instruments, drama skills, etc.

9. Special Committees

a. Fashion Show Report: Denise Lee

- The fashion show committee and their teams did an outstanding job this year. We sold a total of 293 tickets through direct sales and sponsorships. There was a total of 30 tables at the event.
- The prize patrol team was great in soliciting gifts for raffle baskets or silent auction items. We had a total of 41 gifts baskets and 16 silent auction items.
- Members of the Women's Club donated 21 of the gift baskets.
- We had a total of 35 sponsors at different levels.
- The decorating committee created fabulous Faberge eggs that were individually decorated with beautiful designs for the table centerpieces.
- The complimentary mimosa and Bloody Mary bar were very well received. It should be noted that we are not sure if that will be something that will be offered in the future.
- There were several concerns about the event. Lunch food service delivery was very slow. The Pawleys Plantation staff was short-handed by 3 servers. The zucchini boat was not cooked thoroughly and was not served with a side of rice as advertised. Pawleys Plantation gave us a \$2 credit for the 40 zucchini boat lunches that were served due to no rice, small size and undercooked. The PP staff acknowledged that they need to do better in the future.
- The two salads and the dessert were very good.

Some lessons learned that we will pass along to the next committee:

- The lobby signs telling guests where to go in the ballroom for gift baskets, silent auction items and raffle tickets were helpful. Look to continue this for next year!
- Create large “RAFFLE TICKETS” signs for the sales tables.
- It was suggested by a guest that the gift basket descriptions be listed on the wall above each one to make it easier to read.
- The Silent Auction winners need to be announced before the final group of gift basket raffle numbers are called.
- A “thank you” ad will be published in the April 13 edition of the Coastal Observer Edition recognizing all our sponsors and donors.
- The reserved dates for the fashion show are March 16, 2024 (Easter is March 31) and March 29, 2025 (Easter is April 20).

b. Birthright Baby Shower: Jeanne Rosol

- The Birthright Baby Shower will be taking place at our meeting on May 4th. I am sure you will be as generous as you have been in the past.
- Once again, we will be having a raffle for anyone who brings diapers at that time. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Bistro 217.
- This year the church bus will be outside the PLC door. We will be filling the bus!
- This will save us a great deal of time and energy.
- Thank you for all the beautiful gifts you always bring for the event.

c. Hope Ball: Kathy Morris

- Each year, the Knights of Columbus sponsors a dance for local area adults with disabilities and special needs, and it is always a very special evening for these very special people. The Women's Club works in conjunction with the Knights with decorations and greeting the guests. Jessica Dezendorf and I are the coordinators for this event.
- Anyone that is attended in the past, will agree that it is a very fun and heartwarming evening. This year's event is on the evening of May 12th, with guests arriving at 5pm. The theme is "Prom Night".
- Decorating will be done the day before, May 11th at 9:30 am. There is a Signup sheet available, and we hope you will sign up and join us in helping make this an extra special evening by either helping with decorations or in just coming to greet and enjoy the evening. Please see Jessica or myself if you have any questions!

10. Appointed Officers

a. Spiritual Facilitator: Mary Anne Fox

- Simple supper was Friday, March 31. Thank you to all those who helped.

- I received a call from Sr. Kathy, who is having health issues and will be having surgery and will not be able to give our day of prayer. She found a substitute Sr. Pamela Smith also from the diocese who had given a retreat for us way back in 2017. She will use Sr. Kathy's PowerPoint slides adapting it to her own style and is quite excited to be coming here.
- I would like to give a brief overview of exactly what the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is. Every month I invite women to come to the 3pm hour on the first Friday of the month to join us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Chaplet is a simple yet thoughtful prayer.
- St Faustina was born in 1908 of a very poor family. She attended 3 years of elementary school and was devoted to a life of prayer, diligence at work, obedience, and sensitivity to the poor. At age 20, she entered the Congregation of the Our Lady of Mercy. There she spent 13 years as cook, gardener, and door keeper. She wanted to become a saint. She had a very close union with God and had many visions and conversations with God. God gave her a great mission – to spread his mercy to the world. Despite her limited education she was inspired to record her conversations with God which was eventually published as her diary. She died at 33 of tuberculosis and weakness from the stigma of suffering. In 1993, on the first Sunday after Easter, Pope John Paul II declared her a saint. The first Sunday after Easter is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday.
- So how to pray the chaplet? I have some booklets available. Using a rosary, you pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, Apostles' Creed, and a couple of refrains that are repeated. The main refrain is simple - "For the sake of his sorrowful passion have mercy on us and on the whole world."
- **Mary's Walk** is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 10 am. We will have continental breakfast, pray the rosary, and then Fr. Paul will lead us on a walk around Brookgreen gardens. If a minimum of 15 non-Brookgreen members sign up we can get a group rate of \$18.00 per person. Brookgreen Members get in free. If you want to attend, please sign up so we know how much food to provide and indicate if you have a free pass to donate to a Women's Club member for that day.
- Still needing a couple of volunteers for the day of prayer. Setups and clean ups.
- Day of Prayer tickets are on sale today. They will also be on sale the weekends of April 19 and April 22 after all masses. There is a sign-up list on the table for those who can help sell tickets after mass. I especially need Sat 5pm mass volunteers.
- Don't forget to write your prayer petition and place in the large white wicker basket and to take one before you leave today. Pray every day for that petition to be answered.
- Holy Land rosary always available to borrow for 2 weeks.

b. Membership: Carol Kaczynski

- See the sign-up list on the As of April, the total membership is 188 members. Which includes one renewal. 23 new members this year! Their name tags will have a small yellow ribbon to denote that they are new!
- The membership committee will be working on a new form to be used starting in August,
- The "new" way of registering at the General Meetings has been going well.
- We believe it has made the process faster so the members can browse the volunteer sign up table and chat prior to the meetings.
- We still feel there is a need as to how to get the new members involved so the 2022-23 new members attending today's meeting have been given ribbons to wear. Please be

sure to reach out to them and make new friends and encourage them to visit the “sign-up tables” for the upcoming events.

c. Ways & Means: Denise Lee

- Irish Soda Bread volunteer sign-up sheets were available for the February and March General Meetings. This was the first year we did not distribute the dry ingredients required for the recipe. The only volunteer list needed was to sell the soda bread at the Masses the weekend of March 11-12. We distributed baking pans/lids, recipe ingredients labels and a copy of the recipe to anyone who wanted to bake. I did not count how many pans were distributed nor did I track who baked.
- A notice was placed in the church bulletin for three weeks before the bake sale as follows: The PBOC Women's Club will be selling home-made Irish Soda Bread for \$5.00 the weekend of March 11-12 after all the Masses while supplies last. Cash and carry.
- We had enough baking pans in storage, but we had to buy 250 plastic lids at a cost of \$51.95.
- We had another successful sale! On both days before Mass, many ladies brought money but no soda bread because they had already sold what they baked to friends/neighbors.
- On Saturday night, we had 32 loaves to sell, and received \$325 in sales/donations (which could equate to 65 loaves if there had been no donations). On Sunday, we had 11 loaves at the 8:00 am Mass and 22 at 10:30, and the total for Sunday was \$255, for a grand total of \$580.
- As always, we could have sold more soda bread if we had it to sell, but the generosity of our members continues to be impressive, with many ladies baking more than just the 2 loaves that the recipe makes.

d. Nominating Committee: Carol Steinis

- Nominations for the WC board will take place at today’s meeting. Each nominee will be introduced and will give a brief summary of their qualifications.
- Nancy Crosbie – President (Nancy is traveling so Carol Steinis will read her bio.)
- Jeanne Rosol – First Vice President
- Claire Turner – Second Vice President
- Kathy Brochu – Treasurer
- Rita Foster – Secretary
- As you can see the current board have decided to run for an additional term.
- At this time, I will take nominations from the floor – nominees from the floor must have given permission for their name to be placed in nomination.
- Voting for these positions will take place at the May 4 General Meeting.

e. Grants: Jessica Dezendorf

- Grants Committee met on Tuesday, March 28th.
- Our committee received notification from Kathy Brochu that we had \$30,808.72 that could be distributed to the 13 non-profit charities that applied for grants this year. I believe that this is the most money that our women’s club has ever raised to distribute.
- We had previously discussed how we are going to go about reviewing, and rating each application. The committee met again, and each member presented their findings and

recommendations. We knew that the final grant amounts would be based on the results of the fashion show.

- This Tuesday we met and the committee unanimously agreed on these grant awards that we are now asking you to approve. With your approval, we will present these recommendations at our general meeting on April 13th. At that time, the general membership will be able to ask questions, and vote on accepting these final grant recommendations.
- A letter from our club president will go out to each organization to notify them of the grant amount they will receive and Grants Luncheon information.
- Committee Members are: Jessica Dezendorf, Peggy Chiappetta, Mary Kinzie, Linda Ludwig and Linda Johnson.
- Jessica discussed all the organizations, their purpose, and the dollar amount recommended via an Awards Summary grid.
- Jessica asked for a motion to accept the List of Grant Recipients for 2023.
- Kathy Morris made the motion; Nancy McMahon seconded. There were no further questions or discussion. The group was asked to vote by a show of hands.
- The motion passed by an overwhelming majority.

11. Announcements

a. Reel Time: Sue Ann Appel

- Reel Time at 12:00pm (Noontime) on April 20th; Classroom 1; Movie title is *Ticket to Paradise*.

b. Sip 'N Chat: Marcia Olenchock

- Sip 'N Chat at Anna Dudash's home on Tuesday, 4/18/23.
- 145 Lark Hill Drive, Pawleys Island. (Hageley area)
- **SPECIAL NOTE**: The PBOC Bus will be available for transport. Ladies can meet at the PLC parking lot around 2:45pm. Anyone who misses the bus can drive but know that parking is VERY limited. Arriving by bus or carpool is a must. Thank you and all are welcome!
- Look for the PBOC WC signs with balloons so you know where to turn.
- Denise Lee will be hosting the May Sip 'N Chat. Sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

c. Kitchen Help: Donna Martin

- She, Linda Petrucco and Anna Dudash want to step down and they are looking for someone to chair this part of the Women's Club.
- She gave a brief description of the duties.

12. Question and Answer: Jeanne Rosol

13. Closing Prayer: Mary Anne Fox

14. Meeting adjourned at: 12/13/23

Important Dates to Remember

- April 14 Darla Moore Arboretum Tour and Lunch; Leave PBOC Parking Lot at 9:00am
April 18 Sip 'N Chat at Anna Dudash's home. 145 Lark Hill Drive, Pawleys Island.
Anna Cell: (843) 219-2525
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- April 20 Reel Time at 12:00pm (Noontime); Classroom 1; Movie TBD
April 25 Day of Prayer
April 27 WC Board Meeting; 9:15am; Classroom 1
May 4 Women's Club General Meeting; 11:00am; PLC
May 4 Birthright Baby Shower/ "Stuff the Bus"
May 12 Hope Ball; PLC
May 18 Mary's Walk; Brookgreen Gardens
May 25 WC Board Meeting; PLC; Classroom 1; 9:15am
June 1 WC General Meeting at 11:00am in PLC
June 14 Grants Luncheon at DeBordieu Clubhouse; 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Jeanne Rosol, First Vice-President