

**PBOC Catholic Women's Club**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 5, 2023 11:00am**

1. Welcome and Call to Order at: Nancy Crosbie

2. Opening Prayer: Spiritual Facilitator, Debbie Clatterbuck

- Read about the feast day of today's patron saint.
- Read a prayer from her.
- The members then recited the Elizabeth Ann Seton prayer.

*Lord God, you blessed Elizabeth Ann Seton, with gifts of grace as wife and mother, educator, and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers may we learn to express our love for you in love for our fellow men and women. We asked this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives in reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

- President, Nancy Crosbie, emailed the September Minutes out to the Membership along with today's meeting reminder and agenda. To cut down on the amount of paper, a copy of the previous meeting's Minutes will be posted on the Bulletin Board behind the Membership Check In area for your reference 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 September 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

a. Financial Report:

Income: \$2079.78 MTD / \$3236.70 YTD

Of Note - Amaryllis Sale \$324

Craft Fair Vendors: \$5400 YTD

Expenses: \$522.90 MTD / \$3486.10 YTD

b. Budget - Kathy stated she was going to ask the entire Membership to vote by a show of hands.

The 2023-2024 Budget was briefly discussed and Kathy asked if there were any questions. There were a few questions that were a clarification – specifically – the amount allocated by the WC for the PBOC Golf Charity. Budget showed \$125 and it should have been \$250. With that

change being made, the Budget was then proposed to the Membership and ratified by a show of hands.

Items of Note:

Belk Sale - \$375 income, set low based on prior year, but expect higher this year.

New event:

Communion breakfast (takes place after Mass of Remembrance for Deceased WC Members on 11/2) - \$600 income and expense - not for profit event; numbers based on \$15/ minimum 40 attendees

New events:

Bake Sales: Feb/May \$400 income

Soup Night - \$800 income; based on \$10 per person / minimum 80 attendees

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

Good morning, and thank you for coming today. Nancy was going to keep her remarks short as there was a lot to cover. We are excited that Jordan Poston from Teach My People will be presenting to us today.

There are lots of exciting things coming up starting off with our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts & Crafts Fair. Nancy attached a copy of the flyer to the Eblast that was sent out recently plus there are copies on the tables. Please feel free to take one, make copies and give them out to businesses that you frequent, post on Facebook, Instagram, and any neighborhood websites.

WC launched our Amaryllis Sale last week. It is "live" on our website and Yvonne will tell us more about that in her report.

The Mass for the Deceased Members is November 14<sup>th</sup> and we are planning a Communion Breakfast to take place directly after that Mass. Claire will give us more information about it in her report.

Nancy then turned the meeting over to our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jeanne Rosol.

8. First Vice-President: Jeanne Rosol

- Christmas Luncheon – Jeanne met with Debbie G. of Pawleys Island Tap 'N Pour along with Claire Turner and Rita Foster on 10/4 at 2:00pm regarding the Christmas Party details. Plans are to have a Cash Bar with Mimosas, Bloody Mary's, Wine, and beer.
- Arrival at 11:00am; Lunch served at 12:00pm; Christmas program to follow lunch.
- Food menu/choices were discussed. Cost is \$30 to be paid at time you sign up for the event.
- Jeanne will have a sign-up sheet available at the October and November meetings.

9. Second Vice-President: Claire Turner

- Mass of Remembrance and Communion Breakfast is scheduled for Nov 14th. Mass is at 8:30am and will be followed with a Communion Breakfast at 9:30am in the PLC. We anticipate 40 women for breakfast, but will let Nikki know an exact number that week. It would be a buffet so Nikki was asked to set up the PLC for the event,
- Mepkin Abbey Christmas Creche display is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 30, 2023. This year's theme is fabric. There will be all new creche displays from last year's event. Group is limited to 30 people. This is a major fundraiser for the Trappist Monastery. Nikki will drive the bus (15 maximum); Overflow will carpool. Leave PBOC at 9:00am for the 10:30 Tour. After the tour, we will have lunch at Gilligan's on the River in Monck's Corner around 1:00pm. Cost for trip is a donation to the Abbey. No cost to ride the bus.

## 10. Appointed Officers

### a. Membership: Peggy DeVivo

- We have 126 active members and 8 new members for a total of 136 active members all together. We would like to mention to please make sure you renew your membership for 2023/24.
- Members will become inactive if they have not paid their dues by Nov. 1st per our By-Laws. This means they will not be receiving any eblasts or be informed of our upcoming events until their dues are paid.
- 70 people are attending today's meeting.
- Giveaway drawing winner is Mary Leary!
- FYI - Carole Kaczinski is not here today due to a death in her family. She is back in New York for the funeral. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

### b. Spiritual: Christine Schwartz

- Reminder that the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited this coming Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. in the church. Adoration is on-going following 8:30 Mass. This allows time to spend in the presence of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.
- Sign-up sheets are available for the following:
- Communion Breakfast in the PLC following the Mass for Deceased Members on Nov. 14th.
- Mass on the feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton -January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Planning Committee for Day of Prayer – need volunteers!

### c. Ways and Means: Yvonne Chadwick and Greta Morris

#### • Amaryllis Sale

The Amaryllis sale is in full swing. This year we are selling the Picotee variety. A great gift for Christmas! If you are buying them for yourself, you can plant them in your garden when the

blooms die and they will come up every year. Cut-off date for the orders is Wednesday, October 11th.

Delivery will be Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. At time of pick up, bows and gold foil pot wraps will be available for purchase. Cost is \$18 plus \$1.25 for foil pot cover.

Will also order extra Amaryllis and sell after Masses with foil already on the pots for \$20.

- Belk

Tickets for the Belk Charity Sale will be sold ahead of the sale date of November 3-5, 2023.

You can use the tickets beginning October 16<sup>th</sup> during the Pre-Sale. Since the sale begins before the Charity Sale weekend, Belk will hold your merchandise until the sale weekend or days later. By purchasing a \$5 ticket, you can enjoy store wide discounts plus get your \$5 back. Only one \$5 ticket can be redeemed for each purchase. So, if you plan to do Thanksgiving shopping for dishes, tableware, clothes, or jewelry shopping for Christmas, plan to purchase more than one ticket. The best part of the sale is that 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales goes directly to the Women's Club!

## 11. Special Projects

### a. Arts & Craft Festival: Debbie Allen

- Preparations for the Arts & Crafts Festival are in full swing!!
- The dates are Friday and Saturday, October 27th and 28th.
- I just sent out emails to all the vendors confirming their booth numbers and details. Several vendors have responded that they cannot wait!!
- There are many volunteer opportunities--please sign up at the back table.
- Bring your Christmas shopping lists as there are over 65 amazing artists and crafters with gifts for all ages. See you all at the Craft Fair!!

## 12. Old Business

### a. SIP 'N CHAT: Michelle Schneider

- Sip & Chat is a gathering designed to keep us all up to date on what gets discussed at the Women's Club meetings as well as a way for us to enjoy ourselves. We welcome new members to socialize with us and have members who were not able to attend our regular to catch up on our current events. This past month's meeting was at my house and was a great success!
- Mostly, Women's Club Members host at their home. Occasionally, we will be venturing out of that comfort zone. We may have it at a local restaurant or have it on a different day of the week. The day of the week, week of the month, and time of day are not set in stone. We will keep the times reasonable so no one should have to drive in the dark.
- October will be hosted by Terry Senger in her home located at 1076 Parker Dr. In North Litchfield on Tuesday October 24th from 4pm-6pm.
- Michelle is still looking for a November host but already has the December host set up. It is a surprise for right now.

b. General Membership Refreshment: Nancy Crosbie

- Melanie Bulman wanted to tell us that lunch today will be pizza from DeRoma's and Caesar salad.
- For the November meeting we will be serving sandwiches from Jimmy Johns.
- The November Servers will be: Lynn McKenna, Shirley Bole, Marion Dozzi, and Catherine Briggs. Please remember your dessert of two dozen cookies

c. Women's Club Website Training: Kathy Morris (Nancy Crosbie presented on Kathy's behalf)

- Nancy was sure that many of the members have never seen our Women's Club website: [wcpboc.com](http://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.
- WC tries to eliminate the printing of all these documents, so it is important that all members have access to this information. Nancy has found it very helpful to quickly get a phone or email for our members.
- To make it convenient for the members, Kathy Morris will be presenting a training class while we eat lunch at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting right here in the PLC.
- Kathy will review the various components of the website. (Some of this information is password protected, and she will assist us if we have questions in that area.) Following this demonstration, Kathy will be available to try to assist with any tech questions members may have on their specific device. So, feel free to bring your phones, iPads, or laptops with you to the meeting that day.

13. New Business

a. Volunteers are needed to train on the Fashion Show Sponsorship position and the Parliamentarian position.

- Fashion Show Sponsorship and Parliamentarian are looking for volunteers to train with the current Committee Chairs.
- Kathy Morris has graciously chaired the Fashion Show Sponsorship for the last several years. And as she said, she is not going anywhere but it certainly helps to have a back-up. It does require some computer skills and a General Administrative background would be helpful.
- Parliamentarian Position – as a guide the Women's Club refers to Robert's Rule for direction and order. Joyce Robertson and Marianne Anderson are our current Parliamentarians, but we would like to have one more person as a backup. Please see me after the meeting if you think you would like to fill these positions.

14. Speaker: Jordan Poston from Teach My People

- Jordan started out with a “thank you” to all the members who have volunteered for all their various service needs throughout the last 25 years. She recognized Claire Turner as a very active volunteer with their group.
- Help is needed with tutoring, reading books with students, feeding dinners to 60 students that meet in the Pawleys Island center.
- Friday is Fun Friday. They have small special interest groups i.e., crochet class. Another leads a cooking club as they learn a life skill. This helps them be exposed to things that they would never know about.
- They do have special speakers that work with middle and high schoolers. All students are from low-income families.
- They accept children’s clothing, books, etc. by dropping off at the center.
- Students are referred by the teachers/schools from the kindergarten level and can stay in the program through their high school senior year.
- Teach My People is a faith-based program which distinguishes them from other organizations.
- After school, they focus on getting a snack, playing, and then completing homework. This is followed by bible study, a hot dinner, and even mental health counselors on staff to assist the children, as needed.
- [jordan@teachmypeople.com](mailto:jordan@teachmypeople.com) is the best way to get in touch with her about volunteer opportunities!

15. General Q & A from Membership

- No questions today.

16. Closing Prayer: Christine Schwartz

17. Meeting adjourned at: 12:03pm

**Important Dates to Remember**

October 14	Sip ‘N Chat at Teri Senger’s home; 1076 Parker Drive, Pawley’s Island
October 26	Board Meeting; PLC; 9:15am; Room 5
October 27 & 28	Arts & Crafts Festival; PLC
November 2	General Meeting; PLC; 11:00am
November 2	WC Website Training conducted by Kathy Morris after the General Meeting; Training will be done in the PLC.
November 14	Mass of Remembrance; 8:30am in the Church with Communion Breakfast to follow in the PLC after the Mass.
November 16	Board Meeting; PLC; 9:15am; Room 5
November 30	Mepkin Abbey Trip; Leave from church at 9:00am; Return around 2-3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President