

**PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2024 10:00am**

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Nancy Crosbie

2. Opening Prayer: Spiritual Facilitator, Debbie Clatterbuck

- The members 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 Carole Kaczynski and Peggy DeVivo from the Membership Committee.

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

President, Nancy Crosbie, emailed the November 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 are posted on the Bulletin Board behind the Membership Check In area for your reference prior to 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 November 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 for December: Kathy Brochu, Treasurer

We are half way thru this fiscal year, 6 months July- Dec, so I have included the budget numbers and the +/- variance.

This allows us to see how past events concluded and what is forecasted for the rest of the year.

a. Income:

- Craft Festival/Kitchen Cupboard funds continue to come in for sales of remaining frozen food. To date this brings our net income for the festival to \$17,620 (Our forecast was \$20,690. (KC & Silent Auction were less than forecasted, but overall, the result was really very good)
- Fashion Show Sponsorships: \$800 (of \$4000 projected)
- Ways & Means/Amaryllis sales: Net income of \$715; \$382 higher than forecasted.

b. Expenses:

- Parish donations: \$50 gift to Fr. Pat for his 60th anniversary of his Ordination and his 85th birthday.
 - Spiritual: Today's SEAS mass - \$50 Fr. Paul and \$50 Janet Schmid, to be the cantor.
 - Since today's refreshments are being provided by our meeting refreshments team budget, less spiritual expenses were used. (\$200 budget)
 - Upcoming event & Parish donations projections:
 - Boutique Auction: \$3350 net income
 - Fashion Show: \$15,525 net income
 - Parish donations: \$7125 (\$2625 already paid)
 - Soup Night: \$800 net income
 - Irish Soda Bread: \$550 net income
- c. Total Grant Fund net income projection = \$29,815 (about \$1000 less than last year's final number)

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

Happy New Year!! I cannot believe it is 2024. The older I get the faster the years fly by.

I would like to thank Christine Schwartz for all you did for organizing this beautiful Mass for our Patron Saint - Elizabeth Ann Seton. I would also like to thank all who helped Christine to make this a special event for all of us.

I would also like to thank all the Women's Club members who helped with the decorations for the celebration for Father Pat this past weekend led by Rita Foster and Jeanne Rosol. The PLC was transformed into an Irish wonderland.

The Amaryllis sale was a great success. We sold a total of 101 plants; 72 in presale and 29 after the Masses. And thanks to Yvonne Chadwick and Peggy DeVivo for the beautiful bows that we also sold.

We have some exciting events coming up starting off with our first ever 12th Day of Christmas Celebration at Eloise Temple's home this Saturday, January 6th. But I am going to let the Board members tell you all about them.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you check out the sign-up sheets for Volunteer opportunities. We are especially looking for people to sell tickets at the Masses for the Boutique Auction and the Day of Prayer.

Tomorrow is first Friday. Come at 3:00pm!

I will turn it over to our First Vice President Jeanne Rosol.

8. First Vice-President: Jeanne Rosol

- The 2023 Christmas Luncheon was held on December 7th at Pawleys Tap and Pour. 90 meals were served. Fr. Paul, Fr. Pat, Deacon Mike, Will Hadden, and Kim Parsons were our guests. Gift certificates were once again presented to the Georgetown Family Justice Center. Nancy Crosbie welcomed everyone and presented gifts to Fr. Paul and Fr. Pat, Deacon Mike, and Patty Guazzo.
- Kathy Knittel was also presented with a “thank you” gift for her years of serving as the Sunshine Chairperson. She is moving away in 2024.
- The theme this year was Advent, which included a brief history of Advent and the Advent Wreath. Many thanks to Joanne Gagliano, who displayed her lovely Advent Wreath and stand for all to enjoy.
- Fr. Pat and Fr. Paul gave thanks and prayers for the Women’s Club for all that we do. We had Christmas Trivia and sang Christmas Carols. Claire Turner auctioned off an Advent Calendar. Peggy Devivo was high bidder and won it. Three large Poinsettias were given out as door prizes. Nancy thanked all for attending the luncheon.
- I want to thank all of you who helped put the luncheon together with planning, printing, and transporting. Your support is invaluable to me. It has been a privilege to work with all of you.

9. Second Vice-President: Claire Turner

- Claire introduced the Guest Speaker for our meeting today. It was Kathy Binney from St. Christopher’s Children.
- Kathy will describe the mission of the organization and volunteer opportunities.
- This organization has been in the area since 2007. Mission is to supply clothing and orthodontic care for children in the Georgetown community.
- 2023 results – thankful to many donors and able to assist over 500 local children. Their organization lost 2 leaders this year – Bob Pelletier, Founder, and Marty Rosol, Orthodontist.
- Were able to help this year with not only jackets but also shoes, socks, underwear, etc.
- Orthodontics - gave 24 children total care.
- They also have a resale store on Highway 17. Money made at the store is also donated to their cause.
- Carole Steins and Kathy Morris are Board Members there and lots of volunteers from the Women’s Club help them out. Marilyn Oberent helps with administrative duties.
- Back to School project – they collect personal hygiene items for the children and send the items to the nurses in the school systems so the children can take a shower, wash clothes, etc. since there are a good many homeless children. Kathy read a testimonial from a nurse that works with St. Christopher’s.
- Contact information: kbinney@stchristoherschildren.org. for volunteer opportunities.

10. Appointed Officers

- a. Membership: Carole Kaszynski & Peggy DeVivo

- At the beginning of December, as per the By-Laws, a reminder letter was sent to the 36 members who had not paid their 2023-24 dues. Along with the letter, was a membership form which was filled in with their contact information on file, and a return envelope for the payment addressed to the parish office. So far, 8 or 9 have responded positively. If no responses from the remainder, Carole will call member to make sure they received our letter. She will tell them that they do not have to attend the meetings but they will still get all the information on the Club if they rejoin.
- As of December 1st, the paid membership was 187, composed of 20 new members and 167 active - 187. After receiving payments Inactive members remains at 27 - Carole will also phone them this week or next week to follow-up reminding them again and to make sure they received our letter. They will be removed this month from active to inactive.
- The 'New Member Brunch' is being planned for February 26th.
- It was suggested and decided that we will have the Committee Chairs along with the Board attend the New Member Brunch.
- At the next General Meeting in January, Carole and Peggy will give black and red ribbons to all the new members. This will help the Membership to identify these folks and to reach out by sitting with them, explaining our organization, opportunities for involvement, etc.
- Thinking about having a New Member Mentor sub-committee under the Membership Committee. Joyce said we used to have that in the past so we can easily resurrect this group. Carole and Peggy will work on this project.

b. Spiritual: Christine Schwartz

- Thanks to all who participated and were involved in helping with the Mass this morning.
- Plans are underway for our Day of Prayer to be held on Tuesday, February 27th. Speaker is Sister Kathleen Adamski, a Franciscan of the Neumann Communities for 45 years. Presently sister ministers for her community in the areas of Spiritual Direction, Retreat facilitator, and a mentor. She does formation workshops throughout the state, parish councils, parish and staff retreats, women's and men's retreats and ministry workshops. She comes highly recommended by our office staff.
- The theme of this year's event is: "Be Not Afraid."
- The cost of this event is \$15 which is to help cover the expense of food and speaker's stipend.

- Sign-up sheets for this event are available at the back tables. Any help you can give will be appreciated.
 - If you have any questions, please call Christine Schwartz or Nancy Crosbie.
- c. Ways and Means: Yvonne Chadwick and Greta Morris
- Amaryllis Sales – very successful event.
 - SouperBowl – will occur after 5:00pm Mass on 2/10/24.
 - \$10 per ticket. There will be 6-7 varieties of soups available to “eat in” and soups “to go” too. Salad and bread available.
 - Looking for volunteers to make soups, setups, cleanups and serving.
 - Irish Soda Bread – need some bakers for this! We ran out last year and need more to be baked for this year’s event. Signup Sheets will be available next month.
 - Looking for volunteers to help coordinate Ways & Means.

11. Special Projects

a. Boutique Auction Update: Debbie Clatterbuck

- First, on behalf of the 2024 Boutique Auction Chairs, thank you for all your donations that arrived this morning. The Boutique Auction is off to a great start and your donations are deeply appreciated.
- **The Boutique Auction** is an afternoon of shopping, silent and live auctions, cash and carry jewelry/accessory items. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided; cash bar available featuring the “Boutique Buzz”
- All proceeds from this “fun” raiser will go to the WC Grants Fund. Thank you for your support.
- The Women’s Club Boutique Auction will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Please note the earlier closing time.
- A short meeting will be held, after the General Meeting starting at 11:15 AM in the PLC. If you can make it that would be great!
- **REMINDERS:**
- ***Tickets for the Boutique Auction will be on sale today, please see Kathy Brochu or Debbie Clatterbuck.***
- The tickets can be purchased after the Masses the weekends of January 6 & 7 and January 13 &14, and the WC January 4 General Meeting.
- Tickets are \$5 (pre purchased) or \$6 at the door.
- **Thursday, January 18 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and Friday, January 19 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** will be our next “official” days to receive gently-used/new women’s clothing and accessories (purses, jewelry, scarves). Set up for walk in donations if you bring clothes in and no one is here to receive them. There will be a table. In the words of Joan Crawford.....No wire hangers- we have plenty of hangers this year. If

you bring your clothes in without hangers, please have them neatly folded & in bags or cardboard boxes.

- If you drop your donations on other days, please mark them clearly “**2024 Boutique Auction**” & place them in PLC side wall in the GYN area.
- Will be doing jewelry, purses, and scarves again.
- Bring your nice shopping bags in and there will be a designated box to drop them off in the PLC.

b. Fashion Show – Sue Rovner

- Date: Saturday, 3/16/24.
- Catherine Briggs and Sue Rovner are the Co-chairs.
- Fashion Show will be held at Pawleys Plantation which will include lunch for up to 300 people, fashion show, silent auction, and bidding on the variety of donated/curated baskets. Tickets are \$40 each ticket.
- Clothing will be supplied by Affordables and Pawleys Island Wear.
- Lunch options: Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken, Cobb salad with Grilled Chicken, vegetarian eggplant dish. Like last year, there will be an open Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar along with wine to purchase.
- Doors open at 10:00am.
- Update on fashion show - title changed to **All That Glitters (Pot of Gold)** and Sponsorship forms being handled by Kathy Morris. Please consider being a Sponsor.
- Will stress the need for many volunteers on the various committees including Prize Patrol being coordinated by Sheila Cook, Decorations, Assembly of Gift Baskets, Reservations, Models, and ticket sales.
- Tickets/Reservations- Jessica Dezendorf designed a ticket and Kathy Brochu had them printed. Need a person to coordinate this process. Colleen Foley and Denise Lee have offered to help but more volunteers are still needed!
- Flyer – Michelle Schneider is working on this now and will be available soon.

12. Old Business

- a. Sign Up Sheets – make your sheet as complete as possible with dates, who, what, when, etc.
- b. SIP ‘N CHAT: Michelle Schneider
 - January Sip & Chat - Beth Chascin will be our host on Thursday, January 11th from 3-5pm. Her address is 165 Enclave Place. We will have the bus available for group transportation.
 - Sign-up sheets for both events are at the meeting today.
 - Michelle gave her contact information to all.
 - If there is anyone who would like to host for February or later in 2024, please feel free to contact me.

13. New Business

a. 12 Days of Christmas: Michelle Schneider

- This is a new event! There will be an open house at Eloise Temples home, located at 617 Preservation Circle at The Reserve, on Saturday, January 6th from 4 to 6pm. Please feel free to bring a snack and/ or wine. It will be a great way to end the Christmas Season.

14. Guest Speaker: Kathy Binney from St. Christopher's Children (see information under Claire Turner's report)

15. General Q & A from Membership

- No questions

16. Closing Prayer: Christine Schwartz

17. Meeting adjourned at: 11:19am

Important Dates to Remember

January 6 12th Day of Christmas Open House at Eloise Temple's home at 617
Preservation Drive, Pawleys Island. From 4 – 6 PM
January 11 Sip N' Chat at Beth Chascin's home at 165 Enclave Place, Pawleys Island
from 3 – 5 PM
January 21 Boutique Auction 1:00 – 3:30 PM
January 25 Board Meeting Classroom 5, 9:15 AM
February 1 General Meeting, PLC, 11:00 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President