

PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2024 11:00am

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Nancy Crosbie

2. Opening Prayer: Debbie Clatterbuck, Spiritual Facilitator

- 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 February 1, 2024 General Meetings: Rita Foster, Secretary

- President, Nancy Crosbie, attached the February Minutes with the email that was sent out to the Membership for the March 7th, 2024 meeting along with the meeting reminder and agenda.
- As always, to cut down on the amount of paper, a copy of the previous meeting's Minutes is posted on the Bulletin Board behind the Membership Check In area for your reference prior to our monthly meeting. The Minutes are also available for review on the Women's Club website.
- Rita asked if there were any corrections to the February Minutes. Since there were no corrections, I asked for a motion to accept the February Minutes "as is" for filing.
- Debbie Clatterbuck made a motion to accept the February Minutes.

6. Financial Reports for December: Kathy Brochu, Treasurer:

a. Income & Expenses:

- Day of Prayer - was not intended as an income generating event. There was an expense overage of \$107, after we paid a \$300 stipend to Sisters of St Francis for Sister Kathy being the speaker, \$50 Father Pat and \$50 Janet Schmid, the Cantor. (And we had a generous \$64 donation for some of the drinks provided)
- Fashion Show - All 300 tickets have sold. \$11,320 is listed on the financial report, however there is additional money still to be received.

Sponsorships show \$2920 (expected was \$4000) however, I reallocated \$640 from sponsorship money to ticket sales, for 16 tickets provided to the sponsors that requested one. So really, we were \$440 short of our sponsorship goal.

- Raffle ticket & Silent Auction sales at the Fashion Show will make up the remaining income for our Grant Fund. Last year (2023), raffle tickets & silent auction income was \$7420. Hopefully this year we can match that amount. This year's Pawleys Plantation (Founders Group) venue fee increased by \$750.
- NOTE: Expenses for the Fashion Show must be given to me by end of day 3/16 on the day of the Fashion Show, for the Grant Fund balance to be finalized prior to the Grant Fund meeting the following week. We must have an accurate balance for the Grant Committee.
- Grant Fund - \$27,000 is the preliminary figure we have right now for Grants. As I mentioned, this does not include any additional income we net from the Fashion Show.

b. Remaining Parish Grant expenses budgeted –

- Parish donation - \$5000
- Scholarships - \$2000 (Catholic High School student) & \$1000 (Catholic Elementary School student)
- Fresh Press \$100
- Hope Ball \$300-decorations
- Joy School \$500-week of lunch
- K of C Military Golf Tournament \$100

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

- Welcome and thank you all for coming. We have quite an agenda today including two guest speakers.
- Since our last meeting we have held two major events. The first was the “Souper Bowl” led by Yvonne Chadwick for the Ways and Means Committee. It was our first attempt and was a rousing success – so much so that we hope to make it an annual event. I will let Yvonne tell you more about it in a bit.
- Our other major event was our Day of Prayer beautifully organized by Christine Schwartz with Sr. Kathleen Adamski as the moderator. Her topic was “Be Not Afraid.” Sister told us stories, anecdotes, and quoted scripture encouraging and teaching us how to put our faith and trust in God to allay our fears. Thank you to Maureen Bulman, for organizing the Continental Breakfast and boxed lunches and her helpers Bernie Zurek and Cindy Keefner. It was a very blessed, spiritual day.
- We have many more exciting events planned for the next few months, but I will let the committee chairs tell us about them
- Please remember and try to attend the Divine Mercy Chaplets every Friday during Lent at 3:00 PM. I hope you all received the Prayers of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy that I sent out in an Eblast for you to use when you attend. There are also some available today at the Check In table. We have some copies on the Sign-up Tables if you would like to take one.
- Kitchen Staff needs 3 volunteers for April. Please see Sign-up Sheet.

- I will now turn it over to Claire Turner.

8. Second Vice-President: Claire Turner

- Claire introduced Martha Insignares to speak about Joy School's mission statement and volunteer opportunities.
- Next, Claire will introduce Denise Lee, the new chair of Joy School, to explain this year's program for PBOC WC and Joy School.
- Claire will talk about our Hopsewee field trip on April 18.
Spring Trip to Hopsewee Plantation Southern (Tea)
 Can have up to 40 people. \$50 per person
 Date is set for Thursday, April 18, 2024
 Claire went briefly over the menu for the High Tea lunch.
 We should leave at 9:00am and return around 2:00pm.

9. Appointed Officers

- Membership Committee: Carole Kaszynski & Peggy DeVivo
 - As of March 1, 2024 the PBOC Women's Club has 190 active members.
 - On Monday, February 26, 2024 the Women's Club hosted a "New Member Brunch" in Founders Hall for those members who joined since June 2023. Membership renewals closed on December 31, 2023 and all members who did not renew their dues were placed on "Inactive" status in the Data-base on the website. This means they are not listed for contact information nor do they receive any information regarding the Club by normal channels.
 - A total of 22 members were invited, 12 members were able to attend.
 - Brunch casseroles, quiches and beverages were provided by the Executive Board along with other dishes and items provided by the membership committee.
 - The current Executive Board and chairs of the committees for upcoming events spoke to those in attendance. It was a welcoming, informative, and well-received event.
 - We are looking forward to involving those members who recently joined in the many activities the Women's Club has to offer.
- Spiritual Facilitators: Christine Schwartz and Debbie Clatterbuck
 - The Day of Prayer (Christine Schwartz chaired this function), was held on February 27th and ended successfully. We sold 66 tickets (1 donated) and had 65 participants. There were many positive comments regarding Sister Kathy's presentation.
 - Our next event will be Lenten Simple Supper and Mary's Way of the Cross on March 22nd. Sign-up sheets are available at the back table. Please check the sheets and consider signing up to help at either the Stations of the Cross or help in the kitchen providing food, setting up and cleaning up afterwards.
 - Debbie Clatterbuck will discuss plans for the Walk Through Brookgreen Garden to be held on May 9th with recitation of the Rosary with Father Paul.
 - I will be having surgery on April 2nd and ask for your prayers for a successful surgery. Debbie Clatterbuck will assume responsibility for the Committee during my absence.

- I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Day of Prayer a success. I would like to particularly mention Bernie Zurek, Cindy Keefner and Melanie Bulman who prepared and served the food missing most of Sister's presentation. Thank you!
 - Lenten Simple Supper & Mary's Way of the Cross Station (Debbie Clatterbuck)
 - The Women's Club will be hosting the Lenten Simple Supper on Friday, March 22nd, 2024 at 5:00pm at Founders Hall – not the PLC. Stations will follow at 6pm in the church.
 - Christine will be contacting the altar servicers & lectors personally.
 - We have a sign-up sheet over on the table. Please volunteer to make either a soup or one of the sandwich choices.
 - We will be setting up on Friday at 4pm.
 - Booklets will be available in the back of the church for us to follow along.
 - Mary's Walk with Father Paul (Debbie Clatterbuck)
 - Will be on Thursday, May 9th at 10 AM at Brookgreen Gardens. This is open to all women of the parish. It will happen rain or shine. If rain, the event will be at the PLC.
 - We will provide bagels, donuts, and fruit – please bring your own beverage along with a chair (bottled water will be available). We will eat together and then Father Paul will lead us in the rosary and then we will walk with Father Paul through the gardens. We will be like sheep and follow Father Paul through the gardens.
 - If you are not a member of Brookgreen, you will have to pay admission which is \$20. However, we are asking women to donate any Brookgreen passes if possible. In addition, we can get the group rate of \$16 if we have a minimum of 15 people. Best to be a "friend" of a Brookgreen Membership holder – easiest way to get admittance to garden.
 - You can sign up for the walk at the April 4th Women's Club General Meeting or through the Sign-Up Genius or by contacting Nancy Szarowicz at nszarowicz@aol.com. Deadline to sign up is April 25th.
- c. Ways and Means Committee: Yvonne Chadwick and Greta Morris
- Irish Soda Bread sales will take place after masses March 16/17th for \$5. We need volunteers to bake bread. Each recipe makes 2 pans, which we have available for you today! 1 quart of buttermilk make 2 batches (4 pans) so rather than having milk you will throw out we would love you to make 2 batches, 4 breads! We can also use a couple volunteers to sell bread after the Masses. Sign-up sheets are at the table.
 - The "Souper Bowl" was a great success. It was a well-attended by a very congenial group and everyone certainly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the Soup Makers!!!!
 - Yvonne wanted to thank everyone for their contribution of setting up tables, adjusting plugs, resetting fuse box, putting out crockpots, setting the tables with football colors, washing pans, stirring, and heating soups, making salads, making garlic bread, and toasting croutons. Then, cleaning up and resetting the room. It certainly took a Village. Thank you all, also to the Knights with the addition of the bar and doing heavy lifting.

- Thank you to Melanie Bulman for the great idea to add this event to our Way & Means events. We made \$857 on this event after expenses.
- There will be a follow up meeting today (3/7/24) after the General Meeting to discuss ideas and changes to improve next year's event.

10. Special Projects

a. Fashion Show – Catherine Briggs, Co-chair

- My name is Catherine Briggs, and I am the Co-Chair, along with Sue Rovner, for this year's Fashion Show event.
- The show is only 9 days away, and everyone is continuing to work hard to ensure the success of the event.
- The Fashion Show will be held at Pawleys Plantation, on Saturday, March 16th. Because it will be the day before St. Patrick's Day, we chose the theme, "All that Glitters." The show will feature clothing from Affordables and Pawleys Island Wear – both located in the Hammock Shops. This event will include lunch, a fashion show, a silent auction, and lots of fun!
- This is a sold-out event for 300 people! Deniese Lee did a great job with the ticket sales, and we really appreciate that she stepped up to fill this area of need, which insured the success of this year's show!
- Sue and I had a second food tasting with the banquet manager and new chef, just last week. The Caesar Salad and Cobb Salad tasted great, but we corrected the vegetarian dish, with egg-plant, because it was a bit too salty. The dinner rolls and dessert we chose are fantastic! Like last year, we will have an open Bloody Mary and Mimosa bar, along with wine for purchase.
- I received an update from Shiela Cook the other day, and she informed me of the auction progress. Currently, we have 10-13 silent auction items, and 42 baskets. All the baskets are stuffed, and approximately 2/3 have been wrapped with cellophane, and are awaiting bows.
- The Decorating Committee has been busy planning and creating wonderful things for the event. Yvonne Chadwick and Sabrina Kowalski sent me a picture of the door wreaths they made, and they look amazing! Jeanne Rosol and Yvonne Chadwick plan to work together to form the bows this week. All hands will be busy setting up on Friday, the day before Saturday's show.
- Tickets costs: 10 tickets are \$15; 20 tickets are \$25; 40 tickets are \$40.
- Also, that Friday, Nancy Mc Mahon will direct a practice performance with the models, using the ramp.
- Today, we have one sign-up sheet on the back table for "Basket and Silent Auction transportation" from the PLC to Pawleys Plantation. If you would like to help, please sign up, and include your phone number. We have all the volunteers now!
- Finally, we want to thank all the wonderful women, who used their time and talent, to make this a great event! It certainly takes a village.

11. Old Business

- a. Publicity- Event Flyer Questionnaire: Michelle Schneider
 - Discuss the new form and how important it is in how we get information out clearly about our events.

- b. Sip 'N Chat: Michelle Schneider
 - This month the event will be at Claire Turner's home. Wednesday, 3/20 from 3-5:30pm. Michelle will talk to Nikki about driving the bus. Please contact Michelle by phone or email if you want to ride on the bus. There is limited parking so use the bus or carpool. Claire lives in The River Club. It is a gated area so she needs your name to submit to the Security gate.
 - Still looking for someone to host the April and May events.

12. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee: Joan Brown, Co-chair
 - Joan Brown (President from 2014-2016) is on the Nominating Committee along with Carol Steinis and Eileen Birchenough.
 - Joan reviewed the state of the nominations search for new candidates to date. Pleased with the number of members who stepped forth and submitted their names as potential candidates for 4 board positions.
 - Asking for HELP to fill the remaining position -Secretary.
 - Give brief scenario of the club functioning without a secretary.
 - Ask members to consider stepping forth and volunteering for position. Board members gave a brief explanation of what THEIR duties were at the February meeting, stressing that help is always available.
 - Thanked members for giving Joan the opportunity to address this important concern.

- b. Closet Organizers (Debbie Mendoza and Cathy Schmidt)
 - No report today.

- c. Birthright Baby Shower (Trudy Wood)
 - Occurs at the April 4th General Meeting this year.
 - We will fill the bus again this year.
 - Gift Certificate for Bistro 217 will be given to anyone who brings diapers as an incentive.

- d. Web Page (Kathy Morris)
 - We are looking to put a committee together to enhance or improve the WC website. If you are interested in participating, there is a signup on the tables, or you can contact me directly if interested.
 - I have also put together a simple survey to gather information on how we use (or do not use) the Women's Club website. I have put copies of the survey on each table. We would like to get as much feedback as possible. Fill out surveys and leave on Check In table. Please let Kathy know if you are interested before you leave today. Thank you!

- e. Joy School: Denise Lee

- June 17-20 is our week for 2024. We have an outline of the food choices, will look at favorite lunches, and look to streamline it this year.
- April will have the Sign-up sheets out.
- This year is the 40th anniversary of the Joy School!

13. Speaker: Martha Insignares- JOY School (introduced by Claire Turner)

- JOY School is a summer program with music, arts, and crafts, etc. for people that need help due to moderate or profound disabilities while they are out of school.
- Denise Lee will be our contact person who will coordinate lunches.
- Website: joyschoolpi.org.

14. Speaker: Mary Nemeth- Major Gifts & Special Events Office, Office of Stewardship and Advancement, Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston

- This is a new position for the diocese.
- Mary is here to ask that our Women's Club to support events across the state such as dinner with seminarians. There is the biggest group ever! Our donations help to pay for their education at \$50k per year per seminarian.
- She was very complimentary of our club as she listened to all the functions that we do to support charities and further God's work.
- The Bishop of SC wants everyone to know that none of the monies from the Catholic Appeal personally go to the Bishop in any form or fashion.
- Some of the monies go to Claire's House in Greenville. Pregnant women allowed to stay during pregnancy and up to a year after the baby's birth to get back on your feet.
- Mary was asking that we support the programs in the dioceses across the state and will keep us updated on the calendar of events.

15. General Q & A from Membership

- No questions this month.

16. Closing Prayer: Christine Schwartz

17. Meeting adjourned at: 12:13pm

Important Dates to Remember

March 7	General Meeting; 11:00 AM PLC
March 8	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00pm
March 15	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00pm
March 16	Fashion Show; Pawleys Plantation, Doors open at 10:30am
March 16/17	Irish Soda Bread Sale after all the Masses
March 20	Sip 'N Chat at Claire Turner's home
March 21	Board Meeting; 9:15am; PLC; Classroom 5
March 22	Simple Supper; 5:00pm at Founders Hall; Mary's Way of the Cross at 6:00pm
April 4	General Meeting, 11:00 AM; PLC

April 4 Birthright “Stuff the Bus” event
April 18 Hopsewee Plantation Tour leaving from the PLC at 9:00 AM
April 25 Board Meeting, 9:15 AM; Classroom 5
May 2 General Meeting, 11:00 AM; PLC
May 10 Hope Ball

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President