

**PBOC Catholic Women's Club
General Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024 11:00am**

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 11:07am: Nancy Crosbie

2. Opening Prayer: Peggy DeVivo

- 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 March 7, 2024 General Meetings: Rita Foster, Secretary

- President, Nancy Crosbie, attached the March Minutes with the email that was sent out to the Membership for the April 4th, 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 March Minutes. Since there were no corrections, I asked for a motion to accept the March Minutes "as is" for filing.
- Kathy Monich made a motion to accept the March Minutes.

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

a. Income & Expenses:

- Income for March = \$11,530.17
- Expenses for March = \$11,456.03 The majority of the financial activity came from the Fashion Show.

b. Fashion Show

- Was our last Grant Fund event of the year: Net income = \$12,965.95

c. Grant Committee

- Kathy Brochu met with the Committee and informed them we have \$26,300 for the Grant Fund.
- In addition, we have an additional \$8600 appropriated for Parish donations, Fresh Express, Joy School, scholarship recipient.

d. Ways & Means:

- Irish Soda Bread Sale- Exceeded income expectation: \$891
- Thank you to all those that responded to our shout out for more bread!

7. President's Report: Nancy Crosbie

- As Sunday's bulletin said, "Let us rejoice and be glad" Alleluia...
- I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. Father Paul blessed us with such a beautiful Easter Service and God blessed us with amazing weather this past weekend.
- I would like to thank you all for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls, and most of all your prayers. I am feeling better day by day.
- Wow, it looks like Birthright will be excited to receive our bus delivery! Thank you so much for your generosity.
- I want to say congratulations to Catherine Briggs and Sue Rovner and their committees for a fabulous "All That Glitters" Fashion Show. The fashions, our lovely models, decorations, prizes, and food were outstanding this year. I will let Catherine tell you more about the wonderful event that made a lot of money for the Grants Fund.
- Great job Greta Morris with the Irish Soda Bread Sale. It was a sell out at each of the Masses. Greta will fill us in on the detail.
- Thanks to Debbie Clatterbuck and all who participated in the Simple Supper. Everyone raved about the soups and sandwiches.
- Once again, this amazing group of women have put their hearts and souls into these events to make them successful.
- I will now turn it over to our First Vice President Jean Rosol.

8. First Vice President: Jeanne Rosol

- The Grant's Luncheon will be held again this year. Details are still being worked on.
- 18 non-profit organizations will be the recipients of grants, as well as a high school scholarship recipient, from our parish.
- At our May meeting, I will have a sign-up sheet for those of us who want to attend. It really is a lovely luncheon each year as we award the Grants and hear from each recipient exactly how the money is used.
- If you plan to attend, I think you will really enjoy it. I hope to see many of us there.

9. Second Vice-President: Claire Turner

- Claire introduced April Speaker, Amanda Copland from Waccamaw Palliative Care

- Update on our Spring Field Trip to Hopsewee Plantation on April 18th.
 - 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.

10. Appointed Officers

a. Membership Committee: Carole Kaszynski & Peggy DeVivo

- Thanks to everyone for working with us on the new sign-in procedure. We are confident this will help with the sign-in at the upcoming events and particularly at the August Welcome Tea. The streamlined process will avoid having our members stand in a que so they will not feel rushed to get settled.
- Members are listed alphabetically, by last name.
- On the line where their name appears, they are to place a check mark in the space under the column for the current month.
- Then get a raffle ticket for the monthly gift; visit the event tables to sign-up for future trips, gatherings, and volunteer opportunities; get settled to participate in the meeting.
- Membership feedback is welcomed to improve the process.

b. Spiritual Facilitators: Christine Schwartz (out for surgery) and Debbie Clatterbuck (unable to attend meeting); Peggy DeVivo to read report

- Christine Schwartz is recovering from her shoulder surgery that she had on Tuesday. Please keep Chris in your prayers. Debbie Clatterbuck is aiding a former Women's Club member, Debbie McPherson, who is in hospice care in her home. Please keep Debbie McPherson in your prayers as well.
- Peggy Devivo was nice enough to volunteer to sub for spiritual. Thank you, Peggy!

Mary's Walk – with Father Paul will be on Thursday, May 9th at 10 AM at Brookgreen Gardens in the picnic area. **This is open to all women of the parish.**

- There will be a light breakfast available. The breakfast will consist of bagels, donuts, and fruit – please bring your own beverage along with a chair (bottled water will be available). We will eat together and afterwards; Father Paul will lead us in the rosary. Father Paul will begin the Glorious Mystery of the rosary. Sue Ann Appel will be asking some of you ladies to lead the 2nd decade thru the 5th.
- After the rosary, there will be 15 minutes to use the facilities if needed.
- Father Paul will lead our group through Brookgreen Garden for “Mary's Walk.” I hope that the beautiful azaleas will still be in bloom for our walk.
- The bus will be available for the 1st 15 ladies who sign-up. Nikki will meet you in the PLC parking lot at 9:30am. There will be carpools available too. The day should end no

later than 1pm. If anyone has extra Brookgreen passes that you are willing to donate to others that do not have a membership, please let Debbie Clatterbuck know. Please sign up if you need a pass to enter Brookgreen. We will try to accommodate. You can purchase a ticket at a discounted ticket price.

- ***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.***
- You can sign up for the walk at the meeting today or 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.

From our "Day of Prayer"

- Sister Kathleen Adamski from our "Day of Prayer" does formation workshops throughout the state, parish councils, parish and staff retreats, women's and men's retreats and ministry workshops. If you would like to be included on Sister Katherine's Email Blasts that would feature her upcoming lectures & events, please sign up over at the sign-up table.
- That is all from spiritual, remember please keep Christine & Debbie McPherson in your prayers.

c. Ways and Means Committee: Greta Morris

- We had an amazingly successful sale. Thanks to all our generous members, many were willing to make 4 or more loaves. Thank you so much.
- 160 pans were prepared to distribute. 150 pans were given out.
- Greta made the additional ones plus 2 more.
- Claire Turner took an additional 6 pans Sunday morning and made them for 10:30 mass. Thank you, Claire!!!
- Michele Schneider made her loaves of bread and 4 additional ones without pans.
- A total of 172 breads were possibly made. 3 members sold bread (2 at 5:30 which worked fine)
- The sale total was:
 - \$370- 5:00 mass---With 58 sold at mass
 - \$331-8:00 mass---With 47 sold at mass
 - \$190-10:30 mass---With 28 sold at mass
- Total sales-\$891 (last year's total was \$580) Cost of materials \$63= Profit \$828.
- There were a few donations and numerous members who brought money saying they had already sold bread to neighbors
- We ran out at each mass and could have sold more at 5:30 and most definitely at 10:30

Mother's Day Bake Sale

- Nancy asked if we should Bake Sale to another weekend other than Mother's Day? By a show of hands 45 voted to switch weekends. There were 77 people in attendance at our meeting so this was a majority.
- Nancy will set the weekend and let everyone know the new date.

11. Special Projects

a. Fashion Show – Catherine Briggs, Co-chair

- I am here today to talk about last month's Fashion Show, that was held at Pawley's Plantation.
- I am happy to say that it was a huge success, and we made a good amount of money, that will go towards helping many local non-profits.
- It took lots of time and helping hands to make this great event happen. If you took part in decorating, ticket sales, sponsorships, canvassing for giveaways and for the Silent Auction, putting together baskets, or any other way, would you please stand. Let us applaud these wonderful women who gave their time and talent to this event.
- Our models showcased fashions from Affordables and Pawleys Island Wear, both of which have stores located in the Hammock Shops. Our guests seemed to enjoy the fashions, the food, great conversations with friends, and of course, the Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar!
- We gave away 43 amazing baskets to ticket holders, along with 7 door prizes. We also had approximately a dozen Silent Auction packages, that went to the highest bidders. To top that off, The Coastal Observer wrote a wonderful article about it all!
- Finally, Sue and I are holding a wrap-up session on April 12, with the department heads, to talk about lessons learned. If you were in charge of a committee, please type up a short report, and bring it on that day, so we can include it in the Fashion Show Book that we are putting together.
- Well, that is a wrap-up!!! Thank you all for your time.

b. Hope Ball: Kathy Morris (on vacation); Rita Foster to give report.

- The "Hope Ball" is the name given to the annual Special Needs Dance, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Georgetown Board of Disabilities. The Women's Club is responsible for decorating the PLC, greeting our guests as they arrive, and serving the meals for the Guests.
- Rita reported that the Hope Ball will take place Friday, 5/10/24, from 5-7pm at the PLC. Volunteers should be there by 4:15pm.
- Kathy and John Morris will be out of town for 2 months visiting family out West and asked Ben and Rita Foster to handle this function in their absence.
- As the Women's Club oversees decorating the PLC, being Greeters at the start of the party, and serving food, I have put out Sign-up sheets today so please sign up!
- Event theme is 50's Sock Hop. ("Thank you" to Nancy Crosbie for that idea!)
- Kathy and Rita have already ordered and received all the decorations and Kathy has stored them in the WC Closet until we are ready to use them.

- Decorating the PLC will be done on Wednesday, 5/8, from 10a-1p.
- I am asking for worker bees to please sign up to decorate on Wednesday morning or to help on Friday for the event.... or both.
- It such a fun and enjoyable evening to see these folks smile, dance and enjoy dinner.
- So.....Get your straight leg jeans, t-shirts, poodle skirts and bobby socks on and come have fun as well!

12. Old Business

a. Sip 'N Chat: Michelle Schneider

- I found nothing in my notes of anyone volunteering for Sip & Chat for the month of April so two choices: We skip the month of April due to all the activities we had in March or we may be able to have it at Michelle's home.
- Michelle had to leave early so Nancy suggested that the Women's Clun members meet at a restaurant. More information coming soon.
- Still looking for someone to host May.

b. Birthright Baby Shower: Libby Callahan, President of Birthright in Georgetown, SC

- Happening at today's General Meeting. All volunteer organization to assist pregnant Moms!
- Community resource for the Grand Strand area. They are helped for 1 year and sometimes 2 years with proof of being currently enrolled in an educational program.
- We will fill the bus again this year with diapers, wipes, and baby clothes. Libby spoke about our generosity as an organization and the relief she sees on the mom's faces when they receive their diapers, clothes, etc.
- There will be a Gift Certificate to Bistro 217 given away to anyone who brings diapers as an incentive. Carrie Kristovich won the gift certificate!

c. Joy School: Denise Lee

- The Director was here last month. Program for mentally and physically challenged individuals.
- Our group is tasked with making lunches for June 17-20.
- Denise asked what their favorite lunches are and she has gotten menus and will be prepared here at the PLC or at home. Every day will have a team and the team will decide on menu.
- Sign-up sheets are here today and at the May meeting.

13. New Business

a. Grants Committee: Linda Ludwig

- I would like to introduce the rest of the 2023-2024 Grants Committee – Patty Chiapetta, Linda Johnson, Beth Chascin and Mary Beth Gagne.
 - The Grants Committee received 20 applications this year. These were divided between our 5 committee members to be reviewed and rated.
 - Of the 20 requests, the two were declined as grants recipients:
Secular Franciscan's Order – Did not provide IRS proof of tax-exempt status, per the application: Non-profit corporation with proof of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.
Keep It Green – Did not meet the criteria, per the application: Directly feed and clothe the poor of all ages OR Give comfort and support to the ill, the challenged, and their families OR identify, create, and implement strategies and programs to improve educational outcomes OR Fulfill material needs of victims of abuse and neglect of all ages, provide them with safe environments, and encourage justice. We brought this to Father Paul for his consideration and he agreed that they did not meet the criteria.
 - The Grants Committee met to discuss our reviewed applications on March 10th.
 - On March 19th, the committee met again with our Treasurer Kathy Brochu present. Kathy provided us with the final dollar amount of \$26,333.46 that we could work with for our donation amounts.
 - On your tables, you will find the Summary of our Grants Donations for this year. At this time, our committee will take any questions.
 - If there are not any further questions, then we will propose a vote for approval from the membership.
 - I would like to thank all the Women's Club members for their hard work in all their fundraising efforts made this year! We are so happy to be able to donate funds to these worthy charities. Thank you also to my wonderful grants committee members for all their help with this process.
 - Nancy Crosbie proposed that the group accept the amount and the names of the grant's recipients put forth by the Grants Committee for 2024.
 - She then asked if there were any questions? There were no questions from the members or further discussion.
 - Betsy Powers accepted motion. Geri Emanuel seconded the motion. The Members voted unanimously by a show of hands to approve his year's grants proposals.
- b. Nominating Committee: Carol Steinis, Co-chair
- On behalf of the Nominating Committee (myself, Joan Brown, and Eileen Birchenough), we would like to present the slate of candidates for the Women's Club 2024-2025 Executive Board. All positions are one year except for president which is a two-year term. This is an excellent slate since we have some prior board members coming back as well as some new members stepping up to serve.
 - The following candidates will be invited to give a brief bio of themselves as follows:
 - Secretary- Michelle Schneider
 - Treasurer – Suzanne Eberhardt
 - 2nd Vice President – Yvonne Chadwick and Shirley Bole
 - 1st Vice President – Kathy Brochu
 - President – Rita Foster

- After the bios, an announcement to take nominations to the floor was made – noting that any nominees must have agreed prior to the nomination. Carol asked that anyone interested please speak to her as quickly as possible.
 - Voting for the candidates will take place at the May 2nd General Meeting with installation of new officers at the June Grants Luncheon.
- c. Vote on Dues for Past Presidents: Nancy Szarowicz
- Thank you for all the prayers on behalf of the Sunshine Committee.
 - A proposal that would amend the By-Laws has been put forth by their committee. It reads:
 “After completion of serving a full Presidential term of 2 years, the immediate Past-President would be eligible to have their future membership dues waived for them until they cease to renew their membership. This amendment will also apply to all previous past Presidents until they cease to renew their membership.”
 - A separate entry will be made on the Financials to show this new area as well.
 - There is a copy at each of the tables for member review.
 - Discussion can take place during the month so feel free to ask questions.
 - Nancy interjected that this amendment would apply to 6 past Presidents.
 - Voting will take place at the May 2nd General Meeting.
- d. Attic Clean-op: Nancy Crosbie
- Thursday, April 11 at 9:00am is the date for the cleanup!
 - There is a sign-up sheet on the tables.
 - We need 6-8 workers for this task.

14. Speaker: Amanda Copeland from Waccamaw Palliative Care

- Serves patients throughout Horry, Georgetown, and Williamsburg counties.
- Their services are provided in the home.
- WPC’s role is to assist in symptom management alongside their other caregivers, Providers, and family.
- Help the patient to make optimized decisions, educate them and improve their journey with another layer of support and help with coordination of care.
- Help to manage appointments, cut down on extra visits to the doctor, etc.
- Services are provided under regular insurance guidelines and even patients who are uninsured or under-insured clients as a not-for-profit company.
- She will leave flyers and cards for future distribution.

15. Linda Caswell – Leaving PBOC and Pawleys Island and wanted to speak for a few minutes to the entire WC group.

- Linda stated she was leaving and moving to New Jersey.
- Moving on April 25th.
- Originally moved to SC from NJ and never thought she would be moving back to NJ!

- She thanked everyone for their friendship through all her years here and said she would still like to keep in touch.

15. General Q & A from Membership

- No questions this month.

16. Closing Prayer: Nancy Crosbie

17. Meeting adjourned at: 12:20pm

Important Dates to Remember

April 5	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00 PM; Main Sanctuary
April 11	Attic Clean-up; 9:00 AM
April 17	Divine Mercy Sunday with Chaplet at 3:00pm
April 18	Hopsewee Plantation Tour leaving the PLC at 9:00 AM
April 25	Board Meeting; 9:15 AM; PLC; Classroom 5
May 2	General Meeting; ***NOTE***: This will be Brunch
May 3	Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:00 PM; Main Sanctuary
May 9	Mary's Walk with Father Paul; 10:00 AM; Brookgreen Gardens
May 10	Hope Ball; PLC; 5-7pm
May 23	Board Meeting; 9:15 AM; PLC; Classroom 5
June TBD	Grants Luncheon- details to be announced soon

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita A. Foster, Secretary

Nancy Crosbie, President