



# MINUTES

## CWL General Meeting

November 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

*The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.*

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**Attendance in-person (10):** Donna Guiney, Danna Dobson, Theresa Shanks, Andrea Glover, Gail Raymond, Sue MacDonald, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills, Cathy Splinter, Margaret Wilson

**Attendance by Zoom (4):** Susan Aubin, Margaret Barker, Elizabeth Guiney, Kelly Neville (Zoom attendees requested to watch the speaker and not the audience)

**Regrets:** Shirley McDonald

**A Quorum was achieved at this meeting.**

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### Executive Reports

**1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)**

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Opening Prayer (Bernadette Veitch)**

Bernadette said a Remembrance Prayer in honour of our deceased members.

**3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)**

**MOVED** by Danna Dobson to approve the agenda of the general meeting of November 9, 2021 as distributed.  
**Seconded** by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

**4. Approval of Minutes (Donna Guiney)**

**MOVED** by Andrea Glover to approve the minutes of the general meeting of September 14, 2021 as distributed.  
**Seconded** by Sue MacDonald. **CARRIED.**

**5. Spiritual Advisor Report**

On behalf of Father Shea, Donna reminded members to sign up for parish volunteering. Sign-up sheets are on tables at back of church.

Blessed Sacrament Church will purchase electric candles and remove wax candles in future.

**6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)**

Danna advised that the October month end bank balance was \$5,840.99 and the current balance is \$6,207.00. Financial allocations will be discussed at our December meeting.

**7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)**

Membership information is available in the recent newsletter that was sent to members (Fall, 2021).

**8. Past President's Report (Mary Lou Hills)**

Mary Lou Hills advised that Donna Guiney and Margaret Barker will help with Elections. All positions will be available except President. There was discussion on membership dues being increased as National is requesting more funds. There must be an instructed vote to decide an increase by March 19/22. Members were asked to think about this matter.

**9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)**

Donna presented a Trivia game to members. Danna Dobson won the prize.

Gail Raymond suggested that our council donate rosaries and prayer cards to residents in Helen Henderson Care Centre, The Windsor and Briargate. Donna will help with this idea.

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## Old Business

### 10. Community Life – Financial allocations (Barbara Larmondin)

It was agreed by members to allocate \$100 to Priest's Retirement Fund.

### 11. Virtual Silent Auction October 3, 2021 (Shirley McDonald)

Donna thanked Shirley McDonald for co-ordinating this fundraiser in October. A total of \$2,380.00 was raised.

### 12. Fall FundScrip Campaign (Danna Dobson)

Danna explained this fundraiser which is currently underway, and advised that Nov. 14/21 is cut-off date.

### 13. Prayer Booklet (Donna Guiney)

Donna Guiney explained the project and asked members to submit a prayer. Volunteers are needed to help with our council's project. One question: will the prayer book be in English only?

## New Business

### 14. Use and Content of Facebook Page (Danna Dobson)

Danna Dobson discussed sharing topics of common interest, posting posters and following certain boundaries.

### 15. Gifts for Confirmation and First Communion (Theresa Shanks)

Theresa Shanks explained purchasing/costs of gifts and requested \$250 for these presents in 2022.

**MOVED** by Danna Dobson to budget \$250.00 in our 2022 budget for First Communion and Confirmation gifts.  
**Seconded** by Bernadette Veitch. **CARRIED**

### 16. Projects and Surveys (Donna Guiney)

Donna Guiney advised Convention locations and dates for 2022:

- Days Inn, for Kingston Diocesan Convention April 30-May 1
- Ottawa for Provincial Convention July 10-13
- Kelowna, B.C. for National Convention Aug. 14-17.

Donna thanked participants in the tree planting honoring CWL 100-year anniversary.

Donna asked Margaret Wilson to complete a survey regarding the online League magazine. The survey was completed and sent off.

Our parish food collection project is moved to 2022.

Annual reports (for members of the executive) are due December 15, 2021 on paper and January 15, 2022 online.

### 17. Christmas Gifts for Seniors and Shut-ins (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou shared thoughts on putting together gift baskets for seniors who are shut-ins. It was suggested this could be done by individuals, due to COVID. We can check with the Health Unit to see if it could be done as a group. If anyone knows a person who needs cheering up, let Mary Lou know. It was suggested that we could drive seniors or members to church or the store or just take them for a drive....these ideas will be reconsidered in January, 2022.

## Correspondence

### 18. There was no correspondence.

There was a suggestion to celebrate Fr. Grainger's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

St. Mary's Cathedral annual coat drive needs volunteers and coats. Phone Anne Lyng.

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Vespers at the Cathedral will be held at 3:00 p.m. on the First Sunday of Advent (Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>) for the conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph at St. Mary's Cathedral. Details will be in the bulletin.

## **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

Bernadette Veitch and Sue Aubin were wished Happy Birthdays before closing with three Hail Mary's in honour of our members who are unable to attend meetings and also in honour of our veterans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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**Meetings 2021:** December 14

**Meetings 2022:** January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13