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CWL General Meeting

March 8, 2022 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.

Attendance: by Zoom (4): Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks, Sue Aubin, Margaret Barker. **Attendance in Church Hall (12):** Donna Guiney, Danna Dobson, Liz Guiney, Kelly Neville, Mary Lou Hills, Margaret Wilson, Bernadette Veitch, Shirley Jaynes, Gail Raymond, Andrea Glover, Deb McKee, Anne Nicholls

A Quorum WAS achieved at this meeting.

Executive Reports

1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Kelly Neville)

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer: Liz Guiney

Liz led us in a prayer to Our Lady Of Good Counsel

3. Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Danna Dobson to approve the agenda of the general meeting March 8, 2022 as distributed. **Seconded** by Donna Guiney. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Andrea Glover to approve the minutes of the general meeting January 11, 2022 as distributed. **Seconded** by Anne Nichols. **CARRIED.**

5. Membership Report: (Danna Dobson, Margaret Barker)

Current membership stands at 54.

6. Past President's Report: (Donna Guiney)

Donna read Communique #4 from the National Past President and Chairperson of Laws, Ann-Marie Gorman reviewing the instructions on how to proceed in voting in the instructed votes.

7. President's Report: (Kelly Neville)

The 2022-2023 National theme is "Catholic and Living It!". In keeping with this theme, National proposed that on the "Share-Lent Sunday" that a food donation be made. Already some procedures are in place but to how it will be completed – actual food drive – will depend on Father Shea and Diocesan protocols. (COVID related). She will be asking the Knights of Columbus to assist us in this endeavour.

Old Business

8. Deacon Bill's Retirement (Donna Guiney)

Through the thoughtfulness of Shirley McDonald a gift certificate to Bergeron Wineries, for \$250, was purchased. Bill has already made use of the gift certificate.

9. Prayer Book: (Donna Guiney)

Donna reported that the committee has met who will be looking after typing the prayers, categorizing them. The office has received a large number already. The Parish is looking after the cost of publishing it.

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10. Fundscrip: (Danna Dobson)

Danna announced that the company that created Fundscrip has added more businesses. She is proposing that we do monthly purchases, rather than just at Christmas. Her rationale is that more people might purchase gift cards at other times of the year – smaller amounts – making it easier for people to budget.

11. New Business:

A) Instructed Vote: (Kelly Neville, Mary Lou Hills)

In accordance with Article XX© of the Constitution & Bylaws (2013), notice is hereby given that the following motions proposing amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws (2013) will be presented at the 101st annual general meeting of The Catholic Women's League of Canada in 2022.

1. Amendment I: Annual Meetings of Members

That “**convention(s)**” be replaced with “meetings of members” in the following references:

Page 30: Part XIV: Meetings, conventions and Quorums

Page 34: Part XV: Representative at Annual Conventions

Page 41: Part XVI: eligibility, Nominations and Elections

Page 43: Part XVII Finance

As per instructions: Moved by Kelly Neville and Seconded by Bernadette Veitch:

Motion Carried

2. Amendment II: Patroness

That Page 1: Part II Patroness be amended by replacing “Our Lady Of Good Counsel” with “Our Lady of Guadalupe”.

Part VI: That Part VI: Spiritual Program be amended by replacing “Our Lady of Good Counsel” with “Our Lady of Guadalupe “ to read:

Councils shall honour, in a special way, “Our Lady of Guadalupe,” as patroness of the League

Moved by Kelly Neville and Seconded by Danna Dobson:

Motion Denied

3. Amendment III: Officers

That Page 17: Part XI, Officers, Part VIII, Section 4: National Administrative Committee and Part X, Section 1: Number of Directors:” Section 1 be amended as follows:

- i. Remove “president elect”
- ii. Remove “ first” from “first vice-president”
- iii. Remove “ second vice-president (optional
- iv. Replace “ secretaries (one or two” with “secretary”
- v. Replace “chairperson as required for the standing committees” with “ chairpersons of standing committees (three)”

Moved by Kelly Neville and seconded by Andrea Glover:

Motion Carried

4. Amendment IV: Duties of Officers

That Page 21: Part XII, Section 2: President-Elect and Section 3: Vice- Presidents be amended by removing Section 2: President-Elect and Section 3: Vice Presidents and inserting Section 2: Vice President:

Moved by Kelly Neville and Seconded by Andrea Glover:

Motion Carried

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5. Amendment V: Standing Committees

That Page 25: Part XIII: be amended by inserting “and spiritual advisor” after “executive” and by removing “ in order to allow councils maximum flexibility, each council shall determine the number of standing committees it requires, which shall include spiritual development and organization” to read.

- (i) Chairpers shall be elected, if insufficient are elected, apppointmens may be made by the president in consultation with the executive and spiritual advisor. Immediately after the annual meeting of members, the elected officers shall meet for the assignment of standing committees from the following designated list; (1) Faith (2) Service (3)(Social Justice

Moved by Kelly Neville and Seconded by Bernadette Veitch

Motion Carried

6. Amendment VI: Meetings and Quorums

That Page 29: Part XIV: Section 2 amended by inserting (f) “in the case of government declared emergencies, parish council regular and annual meetings of members may be held electronically for the purpose of making decisions to keep the League operation in unprecedented circumstances”

Moved by Kelly Neville and Seconded by Gail Raymond: 12 voted for, 1 against and 2 abstained:

Motion Carried

7. Amendment VII: elilgibility, Nominations and Elections: Part XVI, Section 2: Term of Office

That Page 39: Part XVI, Section 2 (b) be amended by areplacing “ only” but “ not exceed” and remonving the “consecutive” in both instances to read:

- (i) An elected or appointed officer shall serve but not exceed one full term in the same office exept the chairpersons and treasurers (secretary- treasurer at national level) who many be elected to a second term. A chairperson shall be given a different standing committee in her second term

Moved by Kelly Neville and seconded by Liz Guiney

Motion Carried

8. Proposed Amendmnet Number 8: Part XVI, Section 6: Election of Officers

That Page 41: Part XVI: Section 5(a) be amended by replacing “the instructed vote app;ies on the first ballot only” with the “[instructed vote is deemed the fits first ballot. Should a candidate not be declaed elected in the instructed vote, a second vote shall be taken, If a third vote is required , the same mannwill be used,” to read:

- (i) For the election of officers, the instructed vote is deemend the first ballot. Should a candidate not be declared elected in the instructed vote, a second vote shall be taken. If a third vote is required, the same manner will be used.

Moved by Kelly Neville and seconded by Gail Raymond:

Motion denied

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9. Motion to raise the national per capita fee from \$13.00 to \$25.00, coming into effect with the 2023 membership year.

Moved by Kelly Neville and seconded by Bernadette Veitch:

Motion Denied

The most controversial motions were the raise in per capita fees, the changing of the patroness, and the Motion to allow Parish Councils to hold meetings electronically in the case of government declared emergencies.

Re Fees:

- That by raising the fee so dramatically The League is forgetting its grassroots;
- One member state that she had not seen any examples of fiscal responsibility
- That we should do fundraising to supplement members duties who could not afford it is insulting. We already use fundraising to supplement the development of our members such as paying registration fees for conventions

Re Patroness:

- Members felt that The League would be patronizing to indigenous people
- That Our Lady of Guadalupe, because her garment is that of a pregnant woman, would be better to reflect pro- life movements

Re Quorums and Meetings:

- At the parish level allowing a council to meet electronically only under government situations does not speak to other cases.
- Members found this condescending.
- In general members felt that National is condescending to members at the parish level.

B) Budget for 2022-2023 (Danna Dobson):

- Balance as of March 8, 2022 is : **\$ 3,993. 11**
- It was moved by Danna Dobson and Seconded by Shirley Jaynes that the 2022-2023 budget, as amended, be approved.
- HOPE Fund: This is a Diocesan fund that was created to assist a person(s) in need of special equipment, financial assistance., etc. It is awarded at the Diocesan convention. In order for our Parish council to propose some one from the parish who needs assistance (there is) we need to donate. Moved by Margaret Wilson, seconded by Gail Raymond that we adonate \$100 to the Hope fund
- Our Council has to look at our tradition of paying the membership duties for the sisters (there currently are only 3) and members in long term care. It will be difficult to continue paying the dues for those in long term care because of the age of most of our members. We perhaps should be asking relatives to step up. We do this so that members in long term care do not lose their yours of service.

C) 2022 100th Diocesan Convention: (Kelly Neville)

- Registration forms were distributed to those interested in attending the convention
- Kelly distributed lottery tickets (to support convention costs) to those wishing to sell or purchase.
- There was consensus that we continue, for this year, to pay meals and registration for President and Accredited Delegates, Spiritual Advisors Sunday banquet, and the registration fees for members who wish to attend the convention. But we need to look at this in the future

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13. Correspondence: (Margaret Wilson)

Thank you card was received from Bill and Ellen Gervais for our special wishes and gift on his retirement. A letter from , Lion Bruce E. Johnson, President of Amherstview Lions Club, was received thanking us for our donation of \$100 dollars to be used towards the 2021 Christmas Hampers for 118 families, including 80 children. Fr. Grainger again thanked us for his 80th birthday gift.

14. Prayer Requests: (Bernadette Veitch, Donna Guiney)

Bernadette Veitch asked for prayers for her nephews wife on the death of their infant son- born 1 month before his due date. Condolences were sent upon the death of Marg Driscoll, who was once a member of our parish.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Liz read the prayer to Our Lady of All Nations for the peace n the Ukraine

Gail Raymond moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Meetings 2022: May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13