



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

September 12, 2023

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: Danna Dobson

Attendance in Hall: Fr. Americo Santos, Shirley McDonald, , Margaret Wilson, Susan Aubin, Andrea Glover, Gail Raymond, Heather Proderick, Theresa Shanks, , Donna Guiney, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls, Mary Myers, Cathy Splinter

Regrets: Kelly Neville, Liz Guiney

A Quorum WAS achieved at this meeting. Meeting was held in the Church Hall and on Zoom

Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. – following Mass

1. Opening Prayer: Donna led us in the Prayer to St. Michael

2. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Father Americo):

1. Father introduced himself – explain that The Catholic Women's League is new to him. There is no national organization such as the CWL in the United States. He comes to us from Boston

2. We then went around the table and members introduced themselves\

3. Moved by Gail Raymond and **Seconded** by Cathy Splinter that the agenda for the September 12, general meeting be approved with the following additions to the agenda: Cathy Splinter to speak on Cleaning of the kitchen; Theresa Shanks to speak on the "Telephone" Ladies.

CARRIED

4 Approval of Minutes (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson that the minutes of the general meeting of May 9th , 2023 be approved. **Seconded** by Gail Raymond.

CARRIED

5. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson) Fundscrip campaign is currently underway. Forms can be dropped off at the office or placed in the Collection Basket. Forms can be found at the back of the church. Gift cards should be coming around the 7th of October.

6. Membership: (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley reported that we currently have 65 members. Noreen D'Eon is now living in the Ottawa region but she wishes to continue as a member of Blessed Sacrament CWL

7. President's Report: (Kelly Neville)

Since Kelly is away copies of Kelly's written report (as distributed) will be addressed when her concerns arise during the meeting.

8. Past President Report: (Donna Guiney)

As chair of the Policy and Procedures Committee Donna will be presenting the policies later in the meeting.

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Standing Committee Reports:

There are no standing committee reports

Old Business:

9. **Garage and Bake Sale: Sept. 30th (Danna Dobson, Theresa Shanks)**

Danna reported that she should be back from British Columbia by the time the sale and will provide float monies. Theresa passed around sign up sheets for Friday night (29th) to set up and price baked goods (7-9 pm) and to work at the bake sale 9-3 on the 30th. There will be coffee for the workers during the day.

10. **Silent Auction: (Shirley McDonald)**

A summary of the Auction, on Sunday , June 11, 2023, and analysis of her findings was presented by Shirley. A profit of \$1579.98 was realized: Auction sales were \$1,279.98. There were donations totally \$370. Expenses came to \$70.00 (set up fees). The full report will be attached to the minutes.

11. **Roast Beef Dinner: Margaret Wilson**

This was a Parish event, volunteers came from CWL, the Knights of Columbus and other parishioners.

Standing Committee Reports: None

12. **First Communion/ Confirmation/ 8th Grade Graduation Bursary: (Deb McKee)**

Deb was present at all events to hand out the medal and prayer card to 50 Communicants. She also awarded gifts to 40 Confirmands. The \$150 CWL bursary was awarded to one student (a boy) at 8th grade Graduation.

13. **Helen Henderson Birthday Party (Kelly Neville/Theresa Shanks)**

Kelly met with staff at the nursing home and will oversee. She requires volunteers to set up the party and to serve 40 cupcakes. The party is on the 19th of October. A list was sent around seeking bakers of the cupcakes.

14. **Mother's Day Carnations: (Mary Lou Hills)**

As was voted on at the May 9th meeting the CWL shared the cost with the parish, as per the suggestion of the coordinator of the Children's Liturgy. The Cost was \$300.00 with the parish share of \$150. Margaret Wilson dedicated \$75.00 from her committee's budget as part of CWL's share. Prayer cards were distributed and were part of the Offertory Collection to be presented near the altar. We will need to decide whether we continue the practice of the Carnations and the prayer cards, not only for Mother's Day but Father's Day as well.

15. **Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Mother** took place on Saturday, May 12th before Mass.

New Business:

16. **Policy and Procedure committee: (Donna Guiney)**

Policy's will be presented for you approval (vote) by Sections: Time was given for those present to review the descriptions and make comments. The only concern was the Treasurer's section. Some members wanted it revised and shortened to one page only –

- Section 1 concerns Administrative Positions: President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership. Count was taken and the Section was voted on.

CARRIED

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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- **Section 2: Administrative Business:**

Policy's and Procedures for consideration were : Elections, General Meetings, Executive Meetings, Annual Meetings and Snowflake Bazaar Vote taken.

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- Section 3: These policies were created due to the reorganization of The League: they are the Faith Committee, Service Committee and Social Justice Committee. Other policies were reviewed, the final draft of Spiritual Rituals which focused on Rosary for Deceased CWL members and funeral luncheons. Members asked that Funeral luncheons be returned to the committee for editing. Thus that procedure/policy did not pass. A vote concerning the other procedures and or policies was held. the

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- **Elections:** Donna Guiney and Mary Lou Hills:

Letters are ready. We need a third person to assist us with calling nominees. Theresa Shanks agreed to call nominees and be part of the committee.

17. Snowflake Bazaar: Donna Guiney/Kelly Neville)

- We are looking for a Convenor
- Tea/Luncheon: Cathy Splinter
- Childrens Activities: No one at this time
- Pie table: Heather Proderick agreed to look to look after this :
- Christmas Shoppe: We need someone to look after this
- Raffle Table: Shirley McDonald – will sell some tickets at the Garage and Bake Sale/ after Mass and at the bazaar. The raffle consists of 3 items that were not sold in the Silent Auction. If members want tickets to purchase or to sell they are to contact Shirley McDonald.

18. Phone Ladies: Theresa Shanks

Theresa acknowledged and thank her "Phone Ladies" : Margaret Beneteau, Marie Minifie, Susan Aubin, Heather Proderick and Rose Reid

19. Kitchen Clean Up: Cathy Splinter

Cathy states that the kitchen is in dire need of a good cleaning. In particular before we make pies. She had several dates in mind. Dates are tentative because it is hoped the bathroom renovations in the hall will have started in October. Possible dates are: Wednesday : October 11th, October 18th, October 25th or November 1st.

Correspondence: (Margaret Wilson)

On July 25th we received a letter from Ann Lyng, Coordinator of Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter, St.Mary's Cathedral thanking us for our recent donation of \$100 towards Veronica's Veil Overnight Shelter.

Meetings 2023: September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th (Potluck),

Events: Snowflake Bazaar November 18th.

Diocesan news and events: All Presidents Meeting : October 21st, Development Day November 18th.