



# MINUTES

## CWL General Meeting

June 11, 2024 @ 6:00 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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**In Attendance:** Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Mary Myers, Andrea Glover, Gisele Van Putten, Theresa Shanks, Susan Aubin, Gail Raymond, Liz Ford, Anne Nicholls, Gail Northcott, Diane Raffael, Margaret Wilson.

**Attendance by Zoom:** Danna Dobson

**Regrets:** Mary Lou Hills

**A Quorum (at least 7 members) WAS achieved at this meeting.**

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### OFFICER REPORTS

#### 1. Welcome (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

#### 2. Opening Prayer (Liz Ford)

As this is his feast day, Liz led us in praying to St. Barnabus.

#### 3. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Donna Guiney)

- Donna combined the President's Report and Spiritual Advisor's Report.
- Our new priest, Fr. Charles Ogbuagu starts the weekend of July 20/21. Donna paid tribute to priests we have had in the past.
- First Communion and Confirmation will be held in May or June, 2025. So far this year we have had 15 baptisms, 6 funerals, 31 for First Communion and 16 for Confirmation in 2023.
- The CWL and Knights of Columbus are the bookends that support Blessed Sacrament. Next year our council will celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the church will celebrate 45 years. A **signup sheet** was passed around for volunteers to help with this celebration.

#### 4. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

**MOVED** by Andrea Glover and **SECONDED** by Susan Aubin that the agenda for the general meeting of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, be approved with the addition of an item relating to future meeting dates and times.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2024

**MOVED** by Margaret Wilson and **SECONDED** by Kelly Neville that the minutes of May 14, 2024 general meeting be approved with the addition of information from Danna regarding Carol Daigle.

**CARRIED**

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

- The closing balance at end of May was \$7,748. Funds not available are \$2,810 (reflects pending cheques and Fundscrip amounts not yet completed).
- Decisions have not yet been made on spending monies earmarked for charitable donations. The Service Committee needs to move forward on activities around recommendations on this year's donations.

#### 7. Membership (Shirley McDonald)

Nothing to report.

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### 8. Past President Report (Kelly Neville)

Nothing to report.

### 9. Correspondence

A thank-you card from Betty Hutcheson was received and read.

### 10. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Nothing further to report.

## STANDING ITEMS

### 11. Fundraising

#### a. Fundscrip (Danna Dobson)

Approximately \$75-\$80 was raised from the most recent Fundscrip drive, held in May. We sold \$2,500 worth of cards, which have now been distributed to purchasers. The next drive will be held at the November Snowflake Bazaar.

#### b. Virtual Silent Auction – September 21-22 (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley reminded everyone to save new, unused items for the silent auction. Announcements will be made in the summer bulletins for drop-off of items.

#### c. Bake Sale – September 14 (Donna Guiney)

A coordinator is being sought for the bake sale. There were no volunteers. Theresa agreed to activate the phone line to request baking. Donna and Kelly will work together with Theresa on the bake sale. A **signup sheet** was circulated for volunteers to help.

### 12. Policies and Procedures (Kelly Neville)

#### a. 4.1 Annual Diocesan Convention

This policy was pre-circulated at the May meeting. There was discussion regarding the roles of Voting Member and Accredited Delegate and the need for a second Accredited Delegate. It was agreed to remove the references to having a second Accredited Delegate.

**MOVED** by Gail Raymond, **SECONDED** by Andrea Glover that *Policy 4.1 Annual Diocesan Convention* be approved with changes as discussed.

**CARRIED**

#### b. 4.2 Provincial Convention

This policy was pre-circulated at the May meeting. Review was deferred to September.

### 13. General Meetings (Donna Guiney)

At the May meeting, Mary Lou introduced the results of the member poll dealing with meeting dates/times. According to the poll, members preferred a seasonal variation, with evening meetings from April to September and daytime meetings from October to March. The majority wanted to keep the second Tuesday of the month as the evening meeting. After continued discussion, it was not felt that a seasonal variation was required, since we also have the option of attending by Zoom in winter if someone doesn't want to drive at night. A preferred time was also discussed, and it was agreed to meet at 6:30 pm. If a Mass is held, the Mass would be at 6:00 pm.

**MOVED** by Gail Northcott, **SECONDED** by Anne Nicholls that general meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month, with the time changing to 6:30 pm.

**CARRIED**

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### 14. Faith Committee (Liz Ford)

##### a. Members' Luncheon

Liz reported that the luncheon for members held at Bella Bistro on June 8<sup>th</sup> was pleasant and well attended.

##### b. Funeral Luncheons

A new format for funeral luncheons was decided by the Executive, with food being purchased from local catering outlets rather than prepared in house. CWL members would continue to provide desserts, set up the hall, serve the food and clean up. This will require fewer volunteers and less time spent by volunteers, and we will still realize a small profit.

#### 15. Service Committee (Danna Dobson)

- Danna would like to finalize the disbursement of funds allocated to charities. She will explore a venue to get members together for a discussion.
- There was a good turn out for the Coffee 'n Chat held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Danna would like to make this an ongoing event, but the new priest will need to approve this.
- The executive has proposed that we have a simple welcome event to welcome Fr. Charles after Saturday Mass on July 20<sup>th</sup> in the vestibule or parking lot. A **signup sheet** was circulated to obtain volunteers and baking.

#### 16. Social Justice Committee (Gail Raymond)

Homelessness in the Amherstview area has increased. Gail asked how we can assist these individuals in our own community. Currently we assist SVDP, the Sharing Centre and the Food Bank. It was pointed out that there is a township pop-up market supported by Lionhearts. Other supports were discussed. This will be discussed further in September.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 17. Request for Assistance from Roger Daigle (Donna Guiney)

Further to Danna Dobson's request last meeting to assist Carol Daigle to attend Mass on Thursday mornings at Providence Manor. Donna asked members to call the office if they are interested in helping.

#### 18. Closing Remarks (Donna Guiney)

Donna passed around **signup sheets** for help cleaning the kitchen June 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> with Cathy Splinter.

#### 19. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

The meeting ended at 7:12 pm. Liz led us in prayer.

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**Dates of Next Meetings:** There will be no meetings over the summer. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 pm.