



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

October 8th, 2024 Church Hall And by Zoom
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.

In Attendance: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Mary Lou Hills, Danna Dobson, Theresa Shanks, Giselle Van Putten, Fr. Charles Ogbuagu, Margaret Wilson, Andrea Glover, Gail Raymond, Cathy Splinter

Attendance by Zoom: Liz Ford, Kelly Neville, Mary Myers

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

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Welcome (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

2. Opening Prayer (Liz Ford)

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary. Liz recited the prayer to "Our Lady of the Rosary".

3. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Fr. Charles)

Fr. Charles stated that he has now been administering to Blessed Sacrament and St. Linus for three months. He is beginning to see an increased number of parishioners attending Mass at both churches. He stated he is eager to mingle with us. In keeping with the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend Father focused on being thankful for what God has given us – that we tend to forget the goodness of God and his love for us in our lives.

Gail Raymond reported that Father anointed residents at Briargate on October 1st. Those who attended certainly appreciated it.

4. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Andrea Glover and **SECONDED** by Gail Raymond that the agenda for the general meeting of October 10th, 2024, be approved. **CARRIED**

5. Approval of Minutes of September 10th, 2024

MOVED Danna Dobson and **SECONDED** by Andrea Glover that the minutes of September 10th, 2024 general meeting be approved with the following corrections: "o" in Spiritual Advisors report changed to "of" and to correct the spelling of Theresa Shanks name (Thersa was incorrect) **CARRIED**

6. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

- September's bank balance was \$7, 870.39 due to proceeds of the Silent Auction (\$ 1,600) and \$540.00 from the bake sale.
- Danna Dobson **MOVED** that the Blessed Sacrament CWL spend \$6.15 to cover the additional cost for Baptism Pins not covered by the credit from a previous year's donation. The motion was **SECONDED** BY Gail Raymond. Danna will do this by adjusting the amount spent on 8th Grade Graduation gifts. We only awarded one bursary.

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7. Membership (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley stated that there will be a membership table at the bazaar if we can get someone to man it. Danna suggested that Membership be combined with the FundScrip table.

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8. Past President's Report (Kelly Neville)

- Kelly will present her report under the section relating to Policy and Procedures

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- Donna will present under Old Business

10. Correspondence (Mary Lou Hills)

We received a note from Theresa Smith and her family thanking us for the prayers and the Mass for her brother Bill upon his death.

STANDING ITEMS

11. Fundraising

a. FundScrip (Danna Dobson)

Danna will begin the sale of gift cards on November 9th with the forms being available at the Snowflake Bazaar. Form will be available at the back of the church and on the website. Snowflake Bazaar on the 16th of November. The sale will end on the 25^h of November.

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

Shirley's report is attached to the minutes. Her goal was to raise \$1,500. Auction revenues were \$1,409.00. She received donations amounting to \$201.00 so the total income was \$1,610.00 Profit (after deduction set up fees of \$98.34) was \$1,511.66.

c. Bake Sale – September 14 (Donna Guiney)

Net profit for was \$540.

d. Snowflake Bazaar: (Shirley McDonald)

The following are updates

- Tea Room -Cathy Splinter
- Christmas Shoppe – need a convenor
- Children's Activities Anne Nicholls
- Pie making date is October 23rd. Pies will be \$14.00 for the large
- Bake table- Kelly Neville

Set up is the 13th of November

Tables will be set up 14th of November

- Bake goods and other items will be received on Friday the 15th. (Unsold baked goods will be sold after the two Masses.
- She is thinking of having a 50/50 draw.
- There are door prizes being donated (4) by Mary Lou Hills
- Theresa Shanks has left over items from last year's Christmas Shoppe that were created by Barb Larmondin
- Andrea Glover will bring craft items left over from last year for Children's Activities. She will notify Anne.

Shirley's complete report is attached to the minutes

Tea Table: (Cathy Splinter)

Cathy is proposing that we dispense with sandwiches and go with Soups, rolls and sweets. She will be asking for donations of soup and sweets for which she will provide guidelines: i.e. gluten free, vegetarian, lactose free.

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We decided to rename the activity to “Soups and Sweets” Donna Guiney stated that CWL members of Our Lady of Lourdes want to see the process. Cathy stated they were welcome to come – and could help – “hands on mentoring”.

Danna reminded those present that we approved the amount of \$750 to assist the convenors with their expenses.

12. Policies and Procedures (Kelly Neville)

a. 2.4.2 Silent Auctions

MOVED by Gail Raymond and **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson to accept the policy as presented by the Executive and the Policy and Procedure committee.

CARRIED

b. 6.3 Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MOVED by Gail Raymond and **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson to accept the policy as presented by the Executive and the Policy and Procedure committee.

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Old Business /Standing Committees:

13. 35th Anniversary/Parish 45th Anniversary: (Donna Guiney)

- Donna listed the names of those members who have volunteered to help.
- Three plaques will be created: list of priests who have served the parish; list of Presidents of the CWL and list Grand Knights as well.
- There will be 4 meetings in the new year.
- Members voted to approve the idea of the Plaque. This will become a budget item for 2025

14. Faith Committee:

No report

15. Service Committee/ Social Justice Committee: (Danna Dobson and Gail Raymond)

- Danna’s reports will be attached to the minutes.
- Further investigations have been made regarding assisting Trinity Presbyterian Church and the coat drive
- Coats will also be given (what remains from the coat drive) for the men’s shelter at the cathedral
- We will work closely with community stakeholders

Members of the committee recommended the following donations; (\$500) (\$200 still remaining to be allocated).

- \$200 to St.Vincent DePaul: to support their building fund
- \$150.00 to the Amherstview Lions Club (\$100 to the Food Bank and \$50 for Christmas Hampers
- Amherstview Sharing Centre: \$100
- For a family in the Parish- \$50.00.

NEW BUSINESS

16: Helen Henderson Birthday Party: (Kelly Neville)

- Date for the Birthday Party is October 17th.
- Helen Henderson will have 30 residents at the party so we need 3 volunteers to provide 36 cupcakes:
- Cupcakes delivery time is 2:30pm.
- Kelly will be there starting at 2:00. She is also looking for volunteers to assist staff and residents.

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17. Special Events (Donna Guiney)

- a) Danna Dobson: Danna is holding another **coffee and tea** on the 30th of October from 10:00 – 11:30. She hopes to have live music.
- b) **Life after Loss** is November 28th with an evening mass; Donna has asked Gail Raymond to read. Wednesday evening – not sure if it will be 6:30 or 7:00 Mass
- c) **Holy Family Parish** Is hosting a member of Matercare to discuss their organization.
- d) **Bernadette Veitch** will be the guest speaker at our November meeting.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

The meeting ended at 8:00. Since it was the feast day for St. John Henry Newman one of his prayers was said by Donna Guiney.

Dates of Next Meetings: October 8th, November 12th, December 10th, 2024

Upcoming Events: Women's Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 26th, Kemptville, Ontario at Holy Cross School; November 16th; Diocesan Fall Presidents meeting: Snowflake Bazaar, November 16th; PotLuck Dinner, December 10th.