



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

September 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm
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, Kelly Neville, Mary Lou Hills, Danna Dobson, Mary Myers, Betty Hutcheson, Gail Northcott, Diane Raffael, Thersa Shanks, Giselle Van Putten, Fr. Charles Ogbuagu, Margaret Wilson, Andrea Glover, Bernadette Veitch, Susan Aubin, Cathy Splinter

Attendance by Zoom: Liz Ford, Gail Raymond

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

OFFICER REPORTS

1. Welcome (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. Opening Prayer (Liz Ford)

A Hail Mary was said for the intentions of: Wiley Family (loss of grandson); Marg Beneteau Family; Shelley Stepaniuck (at her request, for her brother); and Bernadette Veitch.

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

Fr. Charles began his administration of Blessed Sacrament and St. Linus on the weekend of July 20/21. We introduced ourselves although Father said he is aware of all of us through our attendance at mass. He continues to offer Mass at Helen Henderson once a month. He appreciated the welcome he was given when he arrived.

4. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Andrea Glover and **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson that the agenda for the general meeting of September 10th, 2024, be approved with the addition Snowflake Bazaar and an announcement at the end by Bernadette Veitch.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2024

MOVED by Margaret Wilson and **SECONDED** by Andrea Glover that the minutes of June 11th, 2024 general meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

The bank balance, at end of August, was \$5,496.94. Funds not available pertain the reception for Fr. Charles and Masses

7. Membership (Shirley McDonald)

We currently have 66 Members. There was an error in the bulletin re memberships. At the April 21, 2024 General meeting those present voted to increase, following the treasurer's financial report and the cost of subsidizing membership fees, the Membership fee, beginning January 2025, to \$30.00.

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8. Correspondence (Mary Lou Hills)

A Thank you cards was received from Shirley Jaynes and family for the prayers for her sister Marlene. We received a thank you note from Theresa Shanks thanking us for her birthday card and mass for her intentions.

9. Past President's Report (Kelly Neville)

Kelly will be reporting on the Policy and Procedure's Committee under Standing Items

10. President's Report: (Donna Guiney)

Donna's report will be attached to the minutes. She read the report for those who were attending by Zoom.

STANDING ITEMS

11. Fundraising

a. Fundscrip (Danna Dobson)

Danna will begin the sale of gift cards on November 8th. Forms will be available and she will have a table during the Snowflake Bazaar on the 16th of November. The sale will end on the 26th of November in order for cards to be ready for Christmas.

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

Shirley already had 48 items on the site. She provided members with the instructions for registering on the site. You can set the highest amount you want to bid since you are notified when you make a bid – and if you have been out bid. You are only charged for what you have successfully bid. Report attached to the minutes

c. Bake Sale – September 14 (Donna Guiney)

Bake goods will be accepted on Friday, Sept. 13th at the office form 10:00-3:00. She will be in the hall from 3- 5pm. She asked that donors cut and plate their bake goods. The sale will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:00 noon.

d. Snowflake Bazaar: (Shirley McDonald)

We still need the following leads:

- Tea Room
- Christmas Shoppe
- Children's Activities
- Time and date for pie making will be decided by date.

12. Policies and Procedures (Kelly Neville)

a. 4.2 Provincial Convention

MOVED by Danna Dobson and **SECONDED** by Sue Aubin to accept the policy as presented by the Executive and the committee.

CARRIED

b. 5.3 Grade 8 Graduation Award

This policy was originated on February 9, 2021 and revisions began at the end of January 2024. The original policy stated that the recipient was to attend a Catholic Secondary School. However, this was changed to state that the student could be attending another secondary school in order to attend a program not offered by either Catholic school. This was a highly controversial subject and was debated. At the end of the debate it was **MOVED** by Gail Raymond and **SECONDED** by Giselle Van Putten. Sixteen members voted to accept the policy with 2 dissentions.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

13. Faith Committee (Liz Ford)

a. Awards

Liz has ordered and received 30 medals for First Communion and Baptism.

b. Coat collection:

Liz will be collaborating with Gail Raymond (Justice Committee Chairperson) for the collection of coats, hats and mitts for the homeless. The drive was for the homeless at Veronica's Veil Shelter (men's) at the Cathedral, however, Gail is also hoping that we can also find a way of distributing the coats in Amherstview.

14. Service Committee: (Danna Dobson)

Danna, as previously written, will be holding a meeting of those members interested in the work of the Service Committee. The meeting is Wednesday, September 14, by Zoom, at 7:00 pm. They will be discussing the disbursement of \$700 which has been allocated for various charities in the area.

15. Social Justice Committee (Gail Raymond)

Will find ways to also distribute coats, hats and mitts to the homeless in Amherstview. Sue Aubin suggested that we give a monetary donation to the Sharing Centre.

NEW BUSINESS

16. 35th Anniversary of Blessed Sacrament CWL and Parish's 45th Anniversary (Donna Guiney) and other social events

Donna has established a committee. She wishes to combine the celebrations into one event. She would also like to start having a Meet and Greet social hour after Mass, once a month, after Mass on Saturday night.

17. Announcements:

- A.) Bernadette Veitch to be the guest speaker, re her attendance at the Provincial Convention, at the November meeting.
- B.) Gail Raymond thanked members for the prayers and cards for her father.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

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

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

Upcoming Events: Bake Sale, Sept. 14th, Silent Auction: Sept, 20-21st; Women's Fall Retreat, Saturday, October 26th, Kemptville, Ontario at Holy Cross School; November 16th; Diocesan Fall Presidents meeting: Snowflake Bazaar, November 16th. Pot Luck Dinner, December 10th.