

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE**

**2021 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**



Agenda for 2021 Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome and call to order President
2. Opening prayer Spiritual Development Convenor
3. Approval of minutes of 2020 AGM..... Secretary
4. 2021: Annual Reports President
5. 2021: The Year in Review..... Secretary
6. 2021: Membership Summary.....Membership Convenor
7. 2021: Financial Summary..... Treasurer
8. Adjournment.....President

Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm on January 12, 2021 by Donna Guiney. Donna thanked Danna Dobson and Shirley McDonald for preparations for the AGM.
2. Bernadette Veitch led us in the prayer to St. Joseph.
3. Minutes of AGM January 14, 2020 – **MOVED** by Danna Dobson to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 14, 2020. **SECONDED** by Sue MacDonald. **CARRIED.**
4. The 2020 Annual Reports were reviewed. There was no discussion.
5. The 2020 Events Summary (“Year in Review”) was reviewed. It was suggested that we add information related to our Outreach activities in October.
6. The 2020 Financial Summary was reviewed. We ended the year with a balance of \$6,076.33, which will be reflected in the AGM booklet.
7. **MOVED** by Kelly Neville moved that the Annual General Meeting be closed, **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

2021 Annual Reports

PRESIDENT (Donna Guiney)

The last two years have been very different. The pandemic didn't stop our Catholic Women's League, they carried on as if nothing had happened! We held meetings by Zoom, emailed important documents, provided quarterly newsletters (and even mailed them to those who do not have a computer), phoned all 64 members a couple of times each - our CWL rose to the occasion!! We had a successful first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a Virtual Silent Auction that was prosperous, a FundScript Campaign that was rewarding and we started a new tradition, giving rosaries to those in palliative care in all nursing homes and retirement homes in Amherstview. Blessed Sacrament CWL thrived in the COVID pandemic!! Congratulations ladies!!

COMMUNICATIONS (Shirley McDonald)

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, communications with our members continued to be a challenge. We were able to hold regular meetings throughout the year using Zoom, and over half of our meetings were also held in-person wearing masks.

Quarterly newsletters kept our members in touch with the work of our council and the national and provincial bodies. The newsletters also promoted fundraising events and membership drives, and reach out with good news about our council. Three newsletters were sent out in 2021.

RESOLUTIONS (Danna Dobson)

No new Resolutions have been raised within the CWL Community over the last couple years. That being said, all Resolutions remain available for local advocacy in the spirit of the annual themes. We at Blessed Sacrament can review and consider if there is an area of particular interest that could make a difference in our community.

LEGISLATION (Danna Dobson)

All business of the House of Commons and Senate ceased only to resume after the election on September 20, 2021.

Bills that had focussed on environment, vulnerable persons, internet pornography and human trafficking were lost. They may come back in future with different numbers and titles; presented within a different context; or not be reintroduced at all.

The Legislation Standing Committee has it's work cut out for it. There is workshop information that is available to members to reflect upon to determine any local course of action that we can discuss over the remainder of this term and the next.

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MEMBERSHIP (Margaret Barker)

There were 64 members in 2021 (see chart following).

Our Council presented the following awards and pins in 2021:

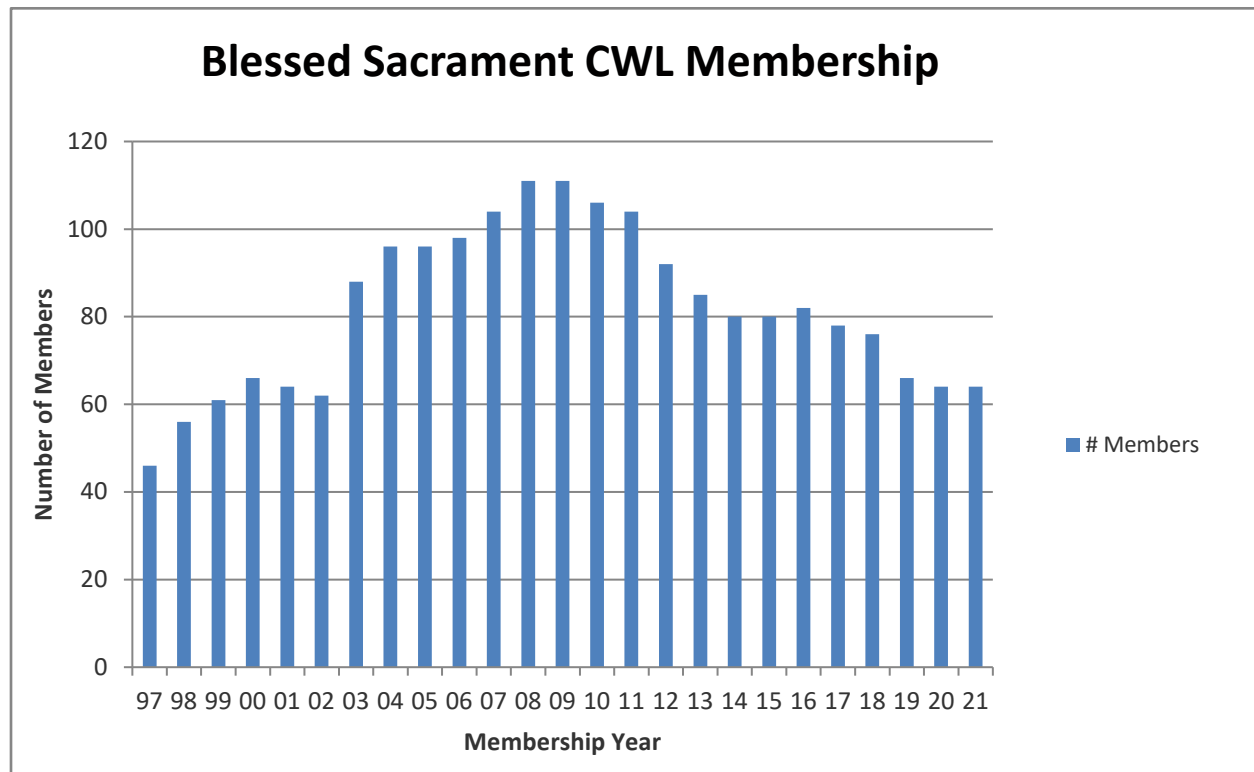
25 Year's Service: Donna Guiney, Pat Hoobin, Ann Tobin, Lorraine Vanzuylen

20 Year's Service: Ann Leclair, Patti-Ann Whalen

15 Year's Service: Jane McGrath, Shelagh Nowlan

5 Year's Service: Martha Brough, Sarah Knill-McParland

2021 Membership Chart



2021: The Year in Review

At our January 2021 meeting, a quorum was established for meetings. Of the eight meetings held in 2021, three meetings did not meet quorum.

JANUARY: The 2020 Annual General Meeting was held. A draft financial statement for 2021 was presented. Members participated in community outreach projects, including Lionhearts takeout meals prepared at the Amherstview Sharing Centre. A quorum was established for meetings (12 members, of which at least three are executive members).

FEBRUARY: A draft 2021 budget was presented and approved. A list of proposed donations for 2021 was distributed. The Earlybird draw for CWL membership was won by Suzanne MacDonald. A new policy was approved (5.2 Provincial Convention).

MARCH: The proposed list of charities for funding in 2020 was reviewed and it was agreed to support the Hope Fund. The Spring Newsletter was sent out.

APRIL: Information about Our Lady of Good Counsel was presented to members.

JUNE: This meeting was held via Zoom only. It was agreed to support Birthright this year. The Summer Newsletter was sent out.

SEPTEMBER: It was agreed to cancel our annual Bazaar again this year, due to the pandemic. An oak tree was planted behind Blessed Sacrament Church on September 30th to celebrate our council's 25th Anniversary and the Canadian League's 100th Anniversary. September 30th was also the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and members wore orange to commemorate the day, joining the journey on the road to healing and reconciliation.

OCTOBER: A successful virtual Silent Auction was held in October to raise much-needed funds in the absence of a Bazaar. A successful FundScrip campaign was also launched in October.

NOVEMBER: The Fall Newsletter was distributed.

DECEMBER: Rosaries and prayer cards were distributed to residents in our local nursing/retirement homes.



2021 Financial Summary

CHARITIES

In 2021 our council supported the following charities:

Diocesan Level:

Hope Fund	\$200.00
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$100.00

Parish Level:

Food Bank	\$100.00
Life After Loss**	\$100.00
Birthright	\$100.00
Amherstview Lions Club – Holiday Baskets	\$100.00
Dawn House Women's Shelter	\$100.00
Kingston Street Health Mission	\$100.00

TOTAL:	\$900.00
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** For 2022 Life after Loss should be considered independently similar to the Parish Donation and not as a Charitable Donation to community organizations.

Allocation of charitable donations is an annual challenge. Regrettably, we cannot support every organization that may request support and we should not become complacent and continue to support our "regulars" by default so that it is a Treasurer responsibility. Hopefully in 2022, even if meeting remotely, all members need to discuss how to support the appropriate Standing Committee in providing recommendations or decisions on where to allocate approved funds. Perhaps it needs to be a separate meeting of all Standing Committee Chairs plus the Executive. It is not something easily addressed at a general meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FEES/DUES

Our membership dues directly support the operations of the League beyond our community boundaries, despite the pandemic. This includes directors' and officers' liability insurance for national, provincial and diocesan, as well as general liability insurance for all councils and production of "The Canadian League".

There is a motion for a Fee increase at the National level, pending for next year. This will bring forward a discussion locally re dues increases or alternative strategies to cover the difference so that some funds remain locally for us to operate with and continue to support participation at Convention.

Zoom License Costs, shared with two other organizations went up from \$60 to \$75 and was not covered by a donation from a member this year. Current coverage will last until October 2022.


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FUNDRAISING

Two formal fundraising efforts were approved and executed in 2021 – the virtual silent auction and Fundscript gift cards. These two initiatives raised approximately 75 percent of our previous Christmas bazaar funds. In addition to the formal events, we received a directed donation to cover the cost of locally designed and printed birthday cards and personal donations of close to \$500. This generosity gives me confidence that we can look forward to a positive budget for 2022.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

We ended 2021 with a deficit of \$1,614.67. The following is our Financial Statement for 2021.



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income	2021 Approved	2021 Year End
Paid Membership	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,425.00
Fundraising Income	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,904.83
Bake Sale	\$ 200.00	
Funeral Lunches		
Conventions	\$ 300.00	
Religious Articles		\$ 20.50
Donations	\$ 500.00	\$ 513.00
other		
Total Income	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 4,863.33

Expenses	2021 Approved	2021 Year End
Office	\$ 250.00	\$ 488.67
Kitchen	\$ 75.00	
Bazaar	\$ -	
Fundraising	\$ 200.00	\$ 90.17
Funerals	\$ 300.00	
Conventions	\$ 300.00	
Guest Speakers	\$ 100.00	
Standing Committees	\$ 500.00	\$ 511.66
Religious Articles	\$ -	
Communion Gifts	\$ 75.00	
Confirmation Gifts	\$ 75.00	
Grad gifts	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
Pins/Awards/Gifts	\$ 115.50	
Clergy Gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Christmas Gifts	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Masses	\$ 600.00	\$ 380.00
Charitable Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00
Parish Assistance	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Donation - Church	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
CWL Memberships	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,427.50
Bank Charges	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Other	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,620.50	\$ 6,478.00
(Approved deficit <\$2,000)		