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CWL General Meeting

March 14, 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: Kelly Neville, Theresa Shanks, Donna Guiney, Liz Guiney

Attendance in Hall: Margaret Wilson, Mary Lou Hills, Dana Dobson, Shirley McDonald, Heather Proderick, Gail Rayond, Sina Chiappetta-Morgan, Andrea Glover, Susan Aubin, Pat Hoobin, Fr. Shea, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls

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

Welcome and call meeting to order (Kelly Neville)

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:45p.m. – following Mass

- 1. Opening Prayer:** No opening prayer
- 2. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Father Shea)**
 - Stations of the Cross: March 17 at St.Linus with Mass at 7:30p.m.
 - Stations of the Cross: Amherstview on March 24th at 7:00, Mass at 7:30 p.m.
 - Sunday, March 26th – Holy Hour with Anointing at 2:00pm.
 - First Communion: May 6th at 11:00 and 1:00; CWI assists with distribution of certificates and pins
 - Confirmation: late May

(We also welcomed the two new members – Sina and Heather – to the meeting)

3. Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Andrea Glover that the agenda for the general meeting of March 14, 2023 be approved. **Seconded** by Anne Nicholls. **CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson that the minutes of the general meeting of February 15, 2023 be approved. With the following changes – “40” purple crosses and delete Margaret Wilson and Susan Aubin assisting at the Student Pancake Breakfast. Seconded by Sina Chiappetta-Morgan. **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: (Danna Dobson)

Danna will report further on the budget and charitable donations. Balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$6,849.72

6. Membership: (Shirley McDonald)

We currently have 64 members – 52 members renewed, 5 past members renewed and we welcomed 6 new members. The membership draw for new members was held and Pat Rafter was the recipient. The committee is aiming for 65 members. February was also “bring a friend” month : Sue Aubin received a gift card for inviting a friend to join.

Shirley's written report :

As of yesterday, March 13th, there were 64 members - 52 renewals from last year, 5 past members renewing, 6 new members and 1 transferred in. Our transferred member is Eleanor Taggart, a Life Member originally from Wolfe Island, who transferred to St. Mary's council, and has now joined our council. A big shout-out goes to

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Bernadette Veitch for bringing so many new members onboard, and Sue Aubin for enlisting Eleanor. We have almost reached our membership goal for this year!

Moving forward, we will now focus on initiatives to increase CWL visibility in the parish and events to engage our members. We now have CWL greeters at Saturday masses. Our information brochure has been updated and is available on the tables at the back of the church. The “Bring a Friend” campaign is underway – if your efforts bring in a friend to join our council, you will receive a gift.

7. Past President’s Report: (Donna Guiney)

Donna had no report for the meeting

8. President’s Report: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly attended the All President’s winter meeting held on February 11th at St. Paul the Apostle Church. Kelly came away with Lottery ticket booklets. The meeting for National’s Council Instructed vote was held on February 4th after Mass. There were 21 members present, 20 eligible to vote. 20 members voted yes to allow Parish Councils to hold virtual meetings as they deem an emergency. We will be returning to having coffee/tea and baked goods during the general meetings. Thanks to Shirley McDonald for this evenings sweets.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

No standing committee reports

10. Business Arising from the Last Meeting:

- Charitable Donations: Danna Dobson suggested that our donation to Birthright , as one of our listed charitable donations, be addressed at the Birthright Baby shower to be held at our April 11th General meeting. Danna asked that ,in the absence of the presence of Kelly Neville (Kelly attended by Zoom), that a cheque for \$197.13 was issued to Mary Lou Hills for photocopying, paper, etc. in preparation for the Annual meeting, be part of the minutes.
- Danna also moved that a cheque for \$100 be presented to Donna Guiney/ Liz Guiney to assist with expenses related to the Birthright Baby Shower. Seconded by: Shirley McDonald. Motion Carried.
- Diocesan Convention: Hospitality: Mary Lou Hills asked for members to take on Hospitality during the Saturday meeting: consisting of taking break and meal tickets. Margaret Wilson, Kelly Neville and Susan Aubin agreed to do so. Convention packages can be found at the back of the church. More packages were distributed at the meeting.
- Birthright Baby Shower – April 11th – Father would like this to be open to the Parish to attend – not just council members. Liz and Donna Guiney will host. Birthright is looking for financial assistance at this time. The only other needs are diapers and formula.
- Greeters at Mass: Shirley McDonald reported that March and April are covered.
- Pancake Tuesday: . No one was available to assist the Knights of Columbus at the school event
- World Day of Prayer: **(Theresa Shanks)**
Theresa and Donna Guiney attended the World Day of Prayer which was held at St. Peter’s Anglican Church on March 3rd. The country of Taiwan was featured this year. It was a highly unique presentation.
- Bishop’s visit: suggestions for his visit was our potluck in May, or at another event
- Big Supper – May- this is a joint effort – Social gathering for the parish – of the Knights of Columbus and the CWL. It was suggested that we invite the Bishop to this event.

11. Correspondence: Margaret Wilson

- Birthright newsletter
- Thank you card was received from Mary Garrah

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Liz Guiney led us in a prayer to St. Joseph. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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Dates to note:.

- **Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel-April 26th,2023**
- **Birthright Baby Shower : April 11, 2023 General Meeting**
- **Diocesan 101st Annual Meeting and Convention – April 29-30, 2023**

Meetings 2023, April 11th, May 9th,(Potluck and Awards Ceremony), June 13th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th (Potluck)