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CWL General Meeting

May 9, 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: Liz Guiney

Attendance in Hall: Fr. Shea, Kelly Neville, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Margaret Wilson, Susan Aubin, Andrea Glover, Gail Raymond, Heather Proderick, Maureen Birdsell, Theresa Shanks, Bernadette Veitch, Donna Guiney, Mary Lou Hills

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 7:38 p.m. – following Mass

1. **Opening Prayer:** Liz Guiney led us in the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel

2. **Spiritual Advisor's Report (Father Shea):**

(Kelly Neville presented Father with a card that contained gift cards)

- Crowning of the statue of Mary will be at the 5:15 Mass on Saturday, May 20th.
- Father will be attending the Priest's Retreat, at St. Augustine Seminary – where he studied for the priesthood. He will be away from May 22nd until the 26th of May. 22, 23
- Confirmation is on May 18th. Donna Guiney related that cookies have been ordered – 11 dozen – with Danna Dobson and Mary Lou Hills will start to set up around 6:00 p.m.

3. **Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)**

MOVED by Danna Dobson that the agenda for the general meeting of May 9th, 2023 be approved. **Seconded** by Susan Aubin **CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Minutes (Kelly Neville)**

MOVED by Andrea Glover that the minutes of the general meeting of March 14th, 2023 be approved. Seconded by Gail Raymond.

5. **Membership** report: Shirley McDonald stated that we now had 65 paid members. We had hoped to reach 64 so we have exceeded our goal.

6. **Past President** report: Donna will be reporting on new policies later in the meeting

7. **President's Report: (Kelly Neville):**

Kelly reported on the 101st Diocesan Convention. Mary Lou Hills thanked Susan Aubin. Margaret Wilson and Kelly Neville for their assistance with the convention as Greeters.

8. **Treasurer's Report: (Danna Dobson)**

- Our current bank balance is \$5,536.67. Pending are 2 deposits : \$600 and \$100
- Danna presented a list of Donations list as per suggestions from the membership and approved by the Executive prior to the meeting. Shirley McDonald distributed a sheet containing a brief explanation about each charity, or organization, of the listed recipients. It was noted that the Sharing Centre in Amherstview received a portion of the 5% Mission Committee's chosen charities. Since we already had donated \$100 to the Diocesan Voluntary Fund, called the Hope Fund, we still had \$700 to distribute. Under further discussion members present believed that we should approve the entire proposed donations list, as prepared by the Executive. Danna Dobson **moved** that we extend the amount to \$800. Gail Raymond

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seconded the motion.

CARRIED

9. Standing Committee Reports: None

10. Correspondence: (Margaret Wilson)

- Margaret thanked Donna and Liz Guiney for looking after the Birthright Baby Shower donations (\$500 in gift cards and money) and clothing. Diapers and formula.
- We received a thank you note from Myrna Greenwood thanking us for our cards and prayers
- A thank you note was received from Maria Sardina, Executive Director of Birthright, for our recent donation
- And Annette Meadows has been appointed as the new co-ordinator for the Diocesan Website.

11. Old Business:

- Silent Auction: (Shirley McDonald): Shirley has extended the time for donations to the Silent Auction to May 31st. The Silent Auction will be held on June 11th – in time for Father's Day. Danna Dobson will collect contributions from the basket while Shirley is away,
- Roast Beef dinner: (Margaret Wilson) Lyle Arcand, with co-ordinator Cathy Splinter, has set the 26th of May as the day to set up the tables; May 27th people will be preparing the food, 28th (night of the dinner) Cathy and Lyle will be looking for volunteers as greeters and for clean up. It will be a buffet style dinner. prepared. Greeters need to be there for 4:30 – dinner starts at 5:00. The bishop has been invited.
- First Communion/Confirmation: (Donna Guiney and Father Shea) There were 50 Communicants – held over 2 Masses – 11:00 and 1:00. Sean McDonald was the cantor, Deb McKee, Education chair, helped hand out the medal and card from the CWL and the Knights gave the children a Rosary.
- Father thanked everyone for the cards and gifts, as he celebrated his 75th Birthday on the 13th of April and celebrated ___ as a priest (April 22nd)

12. New Business:

• **Special Events Policy: Rosary for the Deceased: (Donna Guiney)**

The Policy was presented – it had been sent out by the Secretary to members for their review- however there appeared to be some concern over wording. **Action:** Donna to bring it back to the Policy and Procedure committee for further discussion.

• **Mother's Day Carnations: (Mary Lou Hills/Donna Guiney)**

The Co-ordinator of the Children's Liturgy committee proposed that the CWL and the parish present a carnation (flower) to mothers in the parish on Mother's day. The children would hand out the flowers. Those present suggested that all women should receive a flower at both Masses – the CWL greeters would hand them out on Saturday. In preparation for this, members of the Executive counted the number of women attending each Mass. Danna Dobson moved that the CWL would contribute half of the cost of the flowers. (Total cost \$300) \$75.00 would come from the Membership budget and the other half was donated by Margaret Wilson as her contribution from her communications committee.

- First Communion – it will be necessary to order more prayer cards in 2024.
- Phone Tree (Theresa Shanks) Theresa asked for volunteers to phone members for assistance with Bazaar, funeral luncheons, special events: Heather Proderick, Susan Aubin will assist Theresa.
- Pot luck dinner – June 13th – no Mass, pins and awards to be presented. Dinner will start at 6:00. Parishioners invited,
- Members agreed to assist the Knights of Columbus with a garage sale during which we will have a bake table.
- Bernadette Veitch reminded us that St. Linus Parish's latest fundraising endeavour was for a Domino production on June 14th.
- Father Shea's retirement (envelopes, spiritual bouquet, cash gift)

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Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Liz Guiney led us in a Hail Mary. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Meetings 2023: June 13th, (Pot Luck and awards night) September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th (Potluck),

Events: Beef Dinner: May 28th, Silent Auction June 11th, Garage Sale in September, Snowflake Bazaar: November 18th.