



# MINUTES

## CWL General Meeting

March 12th, 2024

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.*

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

**In Attendance: Fr. Americo Santos, Donna Guiney, Mary Lou Hills, Shirley McDonald, Gail Raymond, Andrea Glover, Anne Nicholls, Sue Aubin, Ann Leclair, Margaret Wilson, Corrie Splinter, Heather Matthews, Mini Peethuruthel, Danna Dobson, Bernadette Veitch**

**A Quorum WAS achieved at this meeting.**

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**Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)**

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**Opening Prayer:** Liz Ford led us in the Hail Mary

1. **Spiritual Advisor:** Father reminded us that we were coming closer to holy Week. He especially spoke of the Tridium – 3 most important days of Holy Week. He also taught us that Holy Saturday vigil is the only Vigil required by the church, for Catholics to attend. He announced that he has been assigned to a parish in Cambridge, Massachusetts with a start date of June 1, 2024. He did say that the Archbishop plans on assigning a new pastor who will be permanent. He hopes that the new pastor will continue the ministry at Helen Henderson Centre, First Saturday and the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Friday morning Mass. Father stated he would start the prayer for Vocations, using the brochure that Bernadette Veitch had provided him, after Easter.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney))**

As there were no additions to the agenda for the General meeting for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Gail Raymond **moved** that the agenda for the meeting be approved. **Seconded by:** Andrea Glover

**CARRIED**

3. **MOVED** by Heather Matthews and seconded by Bernadette Veitch that the minutes of the general meeting of February 13, 2024 be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

The balance in the bank, for March, was \$6,389.

Danna will be preparing a small presentation to be given at the April General meeting on the increase in dues. We will be contributing, as per previous approval to the Diocesan Hope Fund - \$100. Also Birthright will receive the proceeds from our Birthright Baby Shower.

5. **Membership Report: (Shirley McDonald)**

Current membership is 65 for Blessed Sacrament Council. Of these we have 2 new members – Heather Matthews who transferred to our council and Mini Peethuruthel and Christine Edwards. Mini was the winner of the New Member Draw. The following received their Service pins:

30 years pin: Sue Aubin

25 years pin: Cathy Splinter, Heather Matthews

20 years pin: Danna Dobson

15 years pins: Cornelia Splinter, Diane Raffael, Kelly Neville

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### 6. Past President Report: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly, as Chair of the Policy and Procedure Committee, presented the revised Milestone Award policy and procedure document. There was really no change other than Service awards can now be recognized in 5 years intervals: Kelly then **moved** the adoption of the revised Milestone Award. Danna Dobson **seconded** the motion.

**CARRIED**

### 7. President's Report: (Donna Guiney)

- Dates and events to remember:

Kingston Diocesan Convention: April 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. (Ann Leclaire was appointed Accredited Delegate)

May 4<sup>th</sup>: First Communion

July 7-10<sup>th</sup>: Ontario Provincial Council Convention: Sudbury, Ontario.

### 8. Correspondence: (Mary Lou Hills)

- **Thank you email** received from the convenors of the World Day of Prayer held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on March 1, 2024.
- **Letter of thanks** the Executive Director of Dawn House thanking us for our recent donation to their facility

### Business Arising from the Last Meeting:

#### 9. Faith Committee Report

#### 10. World Day of Prayer: (Liz Ford)

- Theresa Shanks and Donna Guiney participated in the service. At least 8 members of our council were in attendance.
- **A Spiritual Bouquet** has been requested for Marie Minifie who is currently in the hospital undergoing treatment for a broken ankle. Liz will compose an email for the secretary to send to members. Date to return a response was March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Mother** will take place on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>. As per our policy the President leads the procession, before Mass, however she will be unable to attend. Bernadette Veitch volunteered to be the coordinator for this event. It will be held at the 9:00 Mass on that Sunday. She asked that members wear their scarves (if they have them) as we will be inviting all the women in attendance at the Mass to participate.
- **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel:** Liz has requested the 9:30 Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup> be said for the intentions of the CWL. All members are invited to attend.
- **Palliative Care:** May 4<sup>th</sup> has been designated as date for our council to commit 1 hour of prayer in response to the National Hospice 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care. A sign - up sheet was passed around for those present to commit to one hour of prayer on that date.

#### 11. Service Committee: (Danna Dobson)

- Danna will be presenting the list of charities, requested by members, to be designated for donations at the April General meeting.
- She will be presenting her committees survey results at the May General meeting.

#### 12. Social Justice: (Gail Raymond)

- The House of Commons has passed the law to limit the availability of **internet access** to children
- **Birthright Baby Shower – (Liz Ford) (Gail Raymond)**

A sign - up sheet was distributed asking for donations for coffee, tea, and treats for the shower on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Gail wondered about creating a teddy bear tree. Monetary donations are preferred, however

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donations of formula, diapers are always welcome. Since there is no general meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a short 1 hour meeting at 1:00pm before the start of the shower. The shower will begin at 2:00.

### New Business:

#### 13. Bake Sale: (Donna Guiney)

- This item will be deferred to the April meeting. At present we will need someone to Coordinate the sale. Since there will not be an April Knights of Columbus Garage Sale we will need to set a date. Donna Guiney sent a sign up sheet looking for coordinators and helpers.

#### 14. Special Pot Luck Dinner:

- The Knights of Columbus have asked us to join with them to hold a parish community Pot Luck dinner. The main course will be Pork tenderloin. The original date was for May 18<sup>th</sup> however that is Victoria Day weekend. The date of May 25<sup>th</sup> was suggested.

#### 15. Mother's Day Flowers: (Donna Guiney)

- **Last year**, a single carnation was given to mothers (all the women in the parish whether they were mothers or not received one). This was at the request of the coordinator of the Children's Liturgy in particular. It was a joint endeavor by the council and the parish. The total cost was approximately \$350. After Saturday's Mass CWL members distributed the carnations to CWL members and parishioners. On Sunday, because there was a special children's choir, the members of the choir presented the carnations after the 9:00 mass. If we decide to do this Donna noted that there is someone who will assist with the cost through a donation. Gail Raymond **moved** that we continue to present carnations on the weekend of May 12<sup>th</sup>. The motion was **seconded** by Heather Matthews. The **motion** carried with one abstention.

#### 16. Fundraising: (Danna Dobson) (Shirley McDonald)

- **Silent Auction: (Shirley McDonald)**

Last year the Virtual Silent Auction was held prior to the Snowflake bazaar. Shirley wishes to do the same this year. She is seeking unused donations. No date has been set for the 2024 bazaar. However it is usually held the weekend following Remembrance Day

- **Fundscrip Campaigns: (Danna Dobson)**

**The Executive**, at their last Executive meeting ( March 5<sup>th</sup>) voted to hold the campaign twice a year – once in the spring (April) and again in the fall (November) Fundscrip forms will be available during the Snowflake bazaar.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Liz Ford recited the prayer to St. Joseph whose feast day is March 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

**General Meeting dates: April 21, 2024 ( 1 hour before the Birthright Baby Shower); May 14th, 2024 and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Upcoming Events: Mass for Blessed Sacrament's Parish Council April 26<sup>th</sup> (Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Council) 9:30 am; Kingston Diocesan Convention: April 27/28<sup>th</sup> at the Quality Inn on Benson Street; 12 Hours for Palliative Care: May 4<sup>th</sup> at member's home; Special Parish Community Pot Luck dinner: May 25<sup>th</sup>, after 5:15 Mass.**

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