



# MINUTES

## CWL General Meeting

November 12th 2024 Church Hall 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.*

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**In Attendance:** Fr. Charles Ogbuagu, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Mary Lou Hills, Danna Dobson, Gail Raymond, Anne Nicholls, Bernadette Veitch, Andrea Glover, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Splinter

**Attendance by Zoom:** With no internet we were unable to have members attend by Zoom

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

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### OFFICER REPORTS

**1. Welcome (Donna Guiney)**

2. Donna called the meeting to order 6:35

**3. Opening Prayer (Anne Nicholls)**

Anne recited the Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Mary.

**4. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Fr. Charles)**

Fr. Charles expressed his gratitude to our members who serve in so many ways. He expressed his appreciation for Donna, our President as well and he Parish Secretary does to assist the parish in so many ways. Father reminded us of this special month with its special messages: Remembering All Souls, the Saints, Remembrance Day. But he reminded us that as we continue to live our lives that we always have our eyes on the end Goal – our life with Jesus.

**5. Guest Speaker (Bernadette Veitch: Vice President Kingston Diocesan Council)**

Bernadette reported on her attendance at the 77<sup>th</sup> Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League Convention held in Sudbury, Ontario in July. Bernadette captured the essence of the convention by providing photographs of the beautiful ceremonies such as the Sunrise Ceremony, Indigenous ceremonies, members deciding and voting on resolutions that were presented. This was Bernadette's first Provincial convention and she wished that she could have presented her presentation at the meeting when we approved a policy on attendance at Provincial Conventions. Bernadette found attending such a convention provides us with the opportunity to meet our sisters in The League and to get to know the Provincial Executive.

**6. Approval of the Agenda: (Donna Guiney)**

**MOVED** by Gail Raymond and **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson that the agenda for the general meeting of November 12<sup>th</sup>, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**7. Approval of Minutes of October 8, 2024 (Mary Lou Hills)**

**MOVED** Margaret Wilson and **SECONDED** by Gail Raymond that the minutes of October 8, 2024 general meeting be approved with the following corrections: "Kelly Neville's name was mentioned twice as attending the meeting in October, and removal of Bernadette Veitch's name as having been present as well. Bernadette was not at the meeting.

**CARRIED**

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### 8. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

- October's bank balance was \$7, 576.99. Funds not available at this time were \$585.00 (2025 Memberships and donations)
- Danna Dobson **MOVED** to make an adjustment to a previous motion, approved at the October 8<sup>th</sup>, general meeting of \$6.15 to cover the additional cost for Baptism Pins not covered by the credit from a previous year's donation. Approval is required to adjust the costs of the pins in the amount of \$46.15. The amount will be recovered from Graduation gifts as we only had one recipient. **SECONDED** Theresa Shanks.

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### 9. Membership (Shirley McDonald)

- Membership forms were available at the same table along with Fundscript forms at the Bazaar: Shirley reminded us that Membership dues are now \$30.

### 10. Past President's Report (Kelly Neville)

- Shirley McDonald will present Kelly's report under the section relating to Policy and Procedures

### 11. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- Life After Loss Mass will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Members present could sign up for various tasks that evening
- The Ontario Provincial Council, in an email sent to the President, will be saying the Rosary via zoom. Members must register by November 19<sup>th</sup> to be able to participate.

### 12. Correspondence (Mary Lou Hills)

We received a note from Suzanne MacDonald thanking us for thinking about her and for our condolences on the passing of a Diana, a relative of Suzanne's. The note was much appreciated.

## STANDING ITEMS

### 13. Fundraising

#### a. Fundscript (Danna Dobson)

Forms are to be returned to her by Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be found at the back of the church.

#### b. Snowflake Bazaar (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley has been able to obtain the assistance of 3 Knights of Columbus to operate the lift. Her report will be attached to the minutes.

#### c. Tea Table or Soups and Sweets

Cathy Splinter stated that four different kinds of soup will be served: her team will be serving from 10-2:00pm. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. She will charge \$1.00 for a cup of coffee. Large pies are \$14.00 / small \$7.00. She has also the help of some young people to do the running back and forth to the kitchen.

### 14. Policies and Procedures (Shirley McDonald for Kelly Neville)

#### • 1.2.7 Spiritual Advisor

Most of the content of the policy was taken from National's Policy and Procedure Manual.

**MOVED** by Danna Dobson and **SECONDED** by Bernadette Veitch that we accept the policy as presented by the Executive and the members of the Policy and Procedure committee.

**CARRIED**

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### Old Business /Continuing items

#### 15. 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League /Parish 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: (Donna Guiney)

- The first meeting of the Committee is in January.
- The Parish was founded in 1968.

#### 16. Helen Henderson Birthday Party (Kelly Neville/Shirley McDonald)

- The party was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> for 15 residents. Cathy Splinter, Shirley McDonald, Gail Raymond and Kelly Neville helped either by baking cupcakes ( we supplied 36 of them) or by helping serve the cupcakes.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 17. December Meeting and Pot-Luck; (Donna Guiney)

- Due to poor attendance at previous Pot-Luck dinners, despite inviting Parishioners to attend as well, Donna proposed that we have an evening of games and prizes with a short meeting. No reports per se.
- Another reason to not have a Pot-Luck at this time is the lack of volunteers to set up the hall and then the clean up afterwards.
- Gail Raymond, as Chair of the Social Justice Committee had hoped to have Christmas cards delivered for residents of Extended Care Homes in Amherstview who do not have many relatives. Due to Privacy issues Gail was unable to obtain the names of those residents. Instead it was suggested that we ask Marie Minifie to create posters -large Christmas Card – for the three facilities in the area.
- Mary Lou Hills wondered if we could make up small Christmas baskets for our members who are unable to come to meetings, are housebound due to illness, the Sisters residing at Heathfield, members in Extended Care. Each member coming to the December meeting would bring an item to be placed in the basket. Cathy Splinter wondered if we could adopt the “Shoebox” campaign rather than baskets. Margaret Wilson stated she would provide the boxes. Mary Lou will create a list of items to be donated. Theresa Shanks said that she would review the membership list and provide us with possible recipients.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> would be a quick meeting with a limited agenda. Members can bring their own meal if they wish otherwise “goodies” will be served. Mary Lou Hills will send an email to members outlining the events of the evening.

#### 18. January Meeting: / Other News (Donna Guiney)

- This is normally the meeting designated for the Annual General Meeting. It was suggested that we not have a meeting in January at all – weather can be a problem – and difficulties in preparing the annual report that has to be presented at the meeting. The Annual General Meeting will be held in February instead.
- The parish has been able to obtain a new dishwasher. It is hoped that Bingo money can be used to help finance the purchase.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** We recited the prayer of St. Gertrude for Souls in Purgatory.

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**Dates of Next Meetings:** December 10<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Annual General Meeting also February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>. No meetings during the summer

**Upcoming Events:** November 16<sup>th</sup>; Diocesan Fall Presidents meeting; Snowflake Bazaar, November 16<sup>th</sup>: