

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE**

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**



Agenda for 2018 Annual General Meeting

1. Welcome and call to order President
2. Opening prayer Spiritual Development Convenor
3. Approval of minutes of 2017 AGM..... Secretary
4. 2018: Annual Reports President
5. 2018: The Year in Review.....Historian
6. 2018: Financial Summary..... Treasurer
7. ElectionsPast President
8. Adjournment.....President

Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting held on November 14, 2017 was opened with our League Prayer started by Bernadette Burgess.

Our President, Mary Lou Hills, asked members to look over the Annual General Meeting Report.

A motion was made by Bernadette Burgess to accept the report as written, seconded by Danna Dobson and approved by all.

Mary Lou thanked everyone who has helped her in the past year. Donna Guiney asked if extra copies of the report were available to be given to members not in attendance. Copies will be at the back of the Church.

Motion was moved by Ann Leclair and seconded by Shirley McDonald, to approve the Annual General Meeting Report.

The 2017 Financial Summary was reviewed and Danna Dobson explained some of the different items listed.

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting was made by Sue MacDonald and seconded by Pat Hoobin.

2018 Annual Reports

PRESIDENT (Mary Lou Hills)

Once again it has been a great honour to serve as your President. I am in awe and am humbled by your spirituality, dedication and commitment to The Catholic Women's League. With your assistance it has been an amazing two years. I have been overwhelmed by the spirit of cooperation, energy and service shown by members of the Council to Blessed Sacrament Parish and to our Council.

Two members of our Council hosted Parish events this year. CWL member Marie Minifie hosted a Chilifest; Shirley McDonald hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner. These wonderful evenings aided the Parish to help reduce its debt and to add to Blessed Sacrament Parish's fifty years.

In May, spearheaded by Marie Minifie, we were able to raise over 2000 dollars for the San Jose de Ocoa Mission in the Dominican Republic. The year 2018 marked the 10th anniversary of Blessed Sacrament CWL's commitment to assist the Mission. The campaign was originally named "Pennies for Pesos" but was changed to "Loonies for Pesos". Marie's continued dedication to the Mission, inspired by Sister Mary Joseph Mazzerole, or Sister Jo, is an inspiration to us. It reminds us that one person can make a difference in the lives of villagers in a remote mountainous region of the Dominican Republic. I was privileged, along with Council members Marie Minifie, Cathy Splinter, Shirley McDonald and Margaret Wilson, to personally present the cheque to Sister Jo. She, in turn, treated the five of us to a lovely lunch at Healthfield. Sister Jo turned 98 this year.

CWL Council members, Jayme Joyce and Liz Guiney again hosted the Birthright Baby Shower in April. It has become a delightful evening that members look forward to. Through the initiative of Treasurer, Danna Dobson, and Education Chairperson, Jayme Joyce, Blessed Sacrament CWL members are now connected to social media on Facebook! We have our own Facebook page!

I need, especially, to thank the members of the Executive that you elected to assist me over the past two years. Their ideas, support, insights and humour have made this the most rewarding two years of my CWL journey. As we journey together in 2019, I look forward to working, as Past President, with the new Executive to be elected at our Annual General Meeting. It will be an exciting year as we work in community with Diocesan, Provincial and National Councils to shape a renewed and vigorous Catholic Women's League of Canada. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an integral part of our faith journey. Women, such as you continue to help, inspire and pray for each other along that journey - in sorrow and joy.

Our Council is sincerely thankful for Father Shea's continued support and guidance. He is always there for us whether it be attendance at a potluck supper, to assisting Kelly and I with the Living Rosary last October! Again, thank you Father, we truly appreciate it.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel continue to guide us "For God and Canada".

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE (Jane Burke)

Blessed Sacrament CWL have contributed to Christian Family Life in many ways. We continue with our "Adopt a Family" project.

We continue to sponsor a graduating 8th grade student from Our Lady of Mount Carmel through a monetary award given to a student who attends Mass on a regular basis, is a member of the Parish, demonstrates good character, Christian values and practices them on a regular basis.

At our April 10th meeting we continued to donate to Kingston Birthright by hosting a baby shower, where gifts and money were gratefully accepted. A happy moment this year was when the President presented baby gifts to a young CWL first time mother!

COMMUNICATIONS (Margaret Wilson)

The Canadian League Magazine published a report late in the fall of 2017 on the effects of technology today. At the 97th National Convention a resolution was adopted entitled Mandatory Age Verification Mechanisms for Adult Pornographic Websites. Now anyone can access pornography at the click of a button. The resolution asks the Federal Government to enact laws requiring mandatory age verification for adult pornographic websites and can be viewed on the national website at cwl.ca.

Members were encouraged to send and express their views to the privacy commissioner on personal privacy and freedom of information, where you should be able to have better control/tools over social media to delete posts about themselves and/or have the right to challenge information that's illegal, inaccurate, incomplete or out of date.

Our Parish has chosen the month of March to send in the "Pornography Hurts" Campaign cards. I encourage our members to send these to our government officials. They can be found at the back of the Church.

Different events were held throughout the year. Our Catholic Women's League council invited a member to come and speak on her journey in the Catholic Faith. We had an evening for a retreat given by our Deacon in April. In June a speaker came to talk about Nutrition and the help to prevent aging through a healthy diet. The local Public Health Unit gave a talk on Fall Preventions. We held a 12 hour of Prayer for Palliative Care in May. A Parish Mission was held September 29th to October 3rd, which was very well attended. In October we had a Living Rosary.

The National Website has been revamped. A website design company has updated the look and navigation of the website. The launch was made just prior to the National Convention in early August. Because of the popular use of hand- held technology an update was felt necessary. I encourage members to check it out.

Our council continues to inform our members of the different events and functions in the Parish. Meeting dates are announced in the Church bulletin and our meeting minutes are published on our web site. We members who do phoning for certain events. A volunteer sends out get well cards, sympathy cards, Mass intentions and cards for members celebrating their birthdays.

COMMUNITY LIFE (Carol Daigle)

We collected and sent food, clothing and money to the **Kingston Street Mission**. The Mission is open from the beginning of October until the end of April.

Used stamps are collected for the **Food for Mission Fund**. Stamps are sold to stamp dealers and the money raised from the sales is matched by the Redemptorists Fathers and sent to Dr. Simone, who sends food, clothing and school supplies for children in **Third World** countries.

Our CWL members celebrate the August birthdays with the residents at a Retirement and Care Centre. Our members provide the cakes, cookies etc. It's a nice afternoon with music and fun.

Birthday cards are sent to each of our CWL members on their birthday month with a Mass Intention.

Easter Care packages are filled with donations of necessities and none perishable items for our military members of the Kingston Joint Signals Regiment who are serving out of country in such places as Africa, Ukraine, the Middle East etc.

This year was the 10th Anniversary of support for the Mission in San Jose de Ocoa. A campaign titled "Loonies for Pesos" was donated to by several churches in the Kingston Diocese for a total of over \$2100.00. The Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph were active in the start of the Mission.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH (Jayme Joyce/Bev Lyman)

We continue to support the Spiritual and Educational growth of a grade eight student with an annual bursary presented to the deserving student during graduation. Throughout the past year we also initiated a programme within the school called "Prayer Buddies". We are also involved in the Children's Liturgy and helped reintroduce the Children's Christmas Pageant.

Blessed Sacrament CWL is now on Facebook.

The CWL again presented gifts for First Communion and Confirmation students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School.

On June 14, 2018 twenty- five guests were present for KFL&A Health Unit's presentation titled Fall Prevention. Those present received a gift bag from the Unit. We contemplated holding a Flu Clinic in the Fall but found that we would be redundant as most pharmacies now provide flu shots.

HISTORIAN (Bernadette Veitch)

Several membership and years of service pins were presented at our May Pot Luck Dinner. A delegation of CWL members went to Heathfield to present Sr. Mary Jo with the Anniversary Donation to the Mission in San Jose de Ocoa. The CWL donated money for "a pew" in honour of the Parish's 50th Anniversary.

RESOLUTIONS AND LEGISLATION (Danna Dobson)

“The Canadian League” magazine continues to inform the membership on Resolutions passed and acted on at the National level, such as Resolution 2017 04, Protection from Coercion of Conscience for Healthcare Professionals. “We urged the Federal Government to amend the Criminal Code of Canada to be consistent with the Charter Rights and make it an offence to coerce healthcare professionals into referring for, or performing, procedures that are in opposition to their Charter Rights of freedom of conscience and religion.”

MEMBERSHIP (Sue MacDonald)

Our Annual Membership Drive started with the Pot Luck supper in December and continued into January. Despite the loss of two of our members and transfers to other parishes we had a very successful year with six new members. We have a total of 76 and 77 including Father Shea.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT (Bernadette Burgess and Kelly Neville)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Women’s League meetings always start with a Liturgy of the Word or Mass. We also end each meeting with a prayer for our Council’s prayer partner. Highlights from this past year included a “Day of Reflection” by Deacon Gervais, the Crowning of Mary on Mother’s Day at Sunday Mass and participation in two Living Rosaries. We also have a candlelight memorial service for deceased members.

We also continued what has become an ongoing Corporal Act of Mercy by sponsoring one person or family that is financially in need through our Parish Assistance Fund. We have a donation box out at all our meetings where members can donate money as well. The individual or family that is sponsored is known to only a select few, to protect their privacy and dignity.

Twelve hours of prayer for Palliative Care was held again this year.

Finally, our Council offers masses for member’s immediate deceased family. We wish to thank CWL member Pat Hoobin for her courage and spirituality as she took us through her faith journey.

ORGANIZATION (Donna Guiney)

In 2018 our President attended our Diocesan workshop on the Development of Council Policy and Procedure Manuals. Our Policy and Procedure Manual was used as an example, providing assistance to other Councils as they prepared their own Manuals.

2018: The Year in Review

JANUARY: Installation of newly elected Committee Chairs. One of our members hosted a Chili Fest to raise money for the Parish.

MARCH: Pat Hoobin spoke after Mass on her Faith Journey

APRIL: Birthright Baby Shower was held.

MAY: Crowning of Mary at Mother's Day Mass and Twelve Hours for Palliative Care. Fourteen Members attended the 96th Annual Catholic Women's League Convention on May 5/6. Loonies for Peso Campaign ends

JUNE: Tara Bennett, Holistic Nutritionist, spoke on healthy diet changes to help people as they age.

AUGUST: A successful Helen Henderson Care Centre Birthday party was held on August 31.

SEPTEMBER: Council Members assisted with a Parish event – Murder mystery. The President and the Grand Knight served at the Parish Fish Fry.

NOVEMBER: Executive Position Elections were held

AWARDS AND PINS

Our Council presented the following awards and pins in 2018:

45 year	Bernadette Burgess
35 year	Bernadette Veitch
30 year	Noreen D'Eon
25 year	Carol Daigle
20 year	Mary Lou Hills
	Marie Minifie
	Theresa Shanks
15 year	Gail Northcott

Charities:

Diocesan Level:

Hope Fund
Birthright
Billings Life

Parish Level:

8th Grade Graduation bursaries
Food Bank (Amherstview Lions Club)
Loonies for Pesos
Life After Loss
Parish Assistance/Foster Family
Kingston Street Mission

2018 Membership Growth Chart

