



MINUTES CWL General Meeting

February 22, 2019

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: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Shirley Jaynes, Susan Aubin, Anne Nicholls, Margaret Wilson, Ann Leclair, Margaret Barker, Barbara Larmondin, Theresa Shanks, Liz Guiney, Kelly Neville, Mary Lou Hills

Executive Reports

1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville)

Kelly led with the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2018 (Shirley McDonald)

MOTION by Susan Aubin to approve the minutes of the general meeting of November 13, 2018 as circulated.
Seconded by Shirley Jaynes. **Carried.**

4. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

No report.

5. Treasurer Report (Donna Guiney for Danna Dobson)

- Donna advised the membership that signatories for this year are Danna Dobson (Treasurer), Shirley McDonald (Secretary) and Donna Guiney (President).
- The proposed 2019 Budget and Donations Allocation were circulated. Discretionary items will be determined at the March meeting. There was reluctance to approve budget showing a negative balance. After discussion, the following motions were made:
 1. **MOTION** by Mary Lou Hills to remove Birthright as a non-discretionary charity and replace our donation with items received from a baby shower to be held in April. **Seconded** by Anne Nichols. **Carried.**
 2. **MOTION** by Mary Lou Hills to approve payment of non-discretionary funds as presented but with the elimination of Birthright. **Seconded** by Sue Aubin. **Carried.**
 3. **MOTION** by Margaret Wilson to approve the 2019 budget with charitable donations of only \$600. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**
- Moving forward, we will discuss each year which funds we wish to continue to support in the next year and which new funds we want to support.

6. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

There are currently 60 paid members. Margaret questioned how confidential the membership information should be (e.g., phone numbers, addresses, email addresses). It was agreed that Margaret would share membership information only with the executive and with Theresa Shanks (for contacting members for funerals, baking etc.).

A draw was held for the early bird membership. The winner was Anne Nichols.

7. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

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8. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Donna expressed her vision of short meetings that are fun and include sharing work and good times with our sisters.

Standing Committee Reports

9. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Kelly Neville)

Kelly plans to continue with this year's national theme, "Care for our Common Home". She reminded us about the work of St. Mother Theresa and the words of Pope Francis extolling her virtues and her work with the sick as a generous dispenser of divine mercy.

10. Organization (Kelly Neville)

No report.

11. Christian Family Life (Jane Burke)

No report.

12. Community Life (Carol Daigle)

No report. Mary Lou reported that she visited the Kingston Street Mission with our recent donation of meal tickets to Martha's Table.

13. Education (Jayme Joyce)

No report.

14. Health (Bev Lyman)

CPR re-certification was held on February 21st. A \$25.00 gift certificate to Petro Canada was given to Mark Halladay for holding the event.

15. Communications (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret reported on the directive she received in October 2018 from Lyne Tuepah, Diocesan Communications Chair. This included the new national mission statement of the League: *"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."*

The Provincial Council launched a new initiative called "Warmth and Comfort", where we were asked to collect items to donate to homeless shelters in our areas. The Kingston Diocese donated 946 pairs of socks, 106 jars of peanut butter and 119 boxes of crackers.

The Winter 2019 edition of the national League magazine had a good article on water preservation.

16. Legislation/Resolutions (Danna Dobson)

No report.

Archdiocesan Events

17. Diocesan Presidents' Meeting

- Information was circulated regarding a Retreat to be held on Saturday March 23rd at the Spirituality Centre. The theme of the Retreat is, "Honouring the Mystic in You". This is a day of personal reflection. Information is available on the Diocesan website.
- May 4th – 12 Hours' of Care for Palliative Care. This will occur during the convention.



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- Registration forms for the convention were circulated. They must be returned to Donna by March 22nd. Our CWL will pay for registration for members who wish to attend. Members pay for beverages and meals, as well as the banquet.
- World Day of Prayer – March 1st in Bath.
- Provincial CWL convention will be held in Kingston this year, from July 13 – 17 at the Ambassador Hotel.

18. 2019 Provincial Convention

The provincial convention planning committee is requesting that Blessed Sacrament council host one of the breakfasts (Monday July 15th) at the provincial convention. We would need to do fundraising and provide for 400 people. After discussion it was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting. Questions to be decided – can we do this, do we have enough money, how do we pay for it, can other parishes go in with us, can we fundraise. Biggest concern is cost.

Old Business

19. 2018 Snowflake Bazaar (Shirley McDonald)

A summary of bazaar profits was circulated. Totals for 2018 were higher than previous years with a profit of \$4,494.11.

20. Installation of Toilet Safety Support Bars (Donna Guiney)

At the previous meeting, Mary Garrah suggested that we look into installing support bars in toilet stalls. Gordon McDonald has offered to look into this.

New Business

21. Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret Wilson reported on correspondence received.

Other

22. Fish Fry

- Donna reported on plans to date for the parish fish fry to be held on Friday, March 15th. Tickets will be sold beginning February 23rd. There will be three sittings – 5:00, 5:30 and 6:00. Volunteers were requested.
- Birthright Shower will be held on Tuesday, April 9th. Bev Lyman will also give a short health presentation.
- Theresa Shanks is looking for helpers to make purple crosses for Lent. A group will work on this February 26th at 1:00 pm.

23. Policy Manual

Mary Lou asked for volunteers to assist with updating our policy manual this year.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment (Kelly Neville)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm. Kelly closed the meeting with a Hail Mary.

Meetings 2019: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10