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CWL General Meeting

September 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM

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, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Garrah, Anne Leclair, Theresa Shanks, Barbara Larmondin, Margaret Barker, Kelly Neville, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Splinter, Anne Nicholls, Susan Aubin, Danna Dobson, Mary Lou Hills.

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville)

Kelly led in the Prayer of St. Francis.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Kelly Neville to approve the agenda of the general meeting of September 10, 2019 with additions.
Seconded by Margaret Wilson. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of May 14, 2019 as distributed.
Seconded by Mary Garrah. **Carried.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Donna informed us that Bible Studies begin October 21 and will be held on Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

A current balance sheet was distributed. Balance at August 31st, 2019 was \$5,788.00. To date, all funds set aside for charitable donations for this year have been used. Discussion will take place at the November meeting regarding donations to be approved for 2020.

A financial statement for our contribution to the Provincial Convention breakfast was provided. Not all of the funds donated by Brockville were used and the excess will be returned.

MOVED by Kelly Neville to return unused funds (\$577.91) from the provincial convention breakfast to Brockville with a thank-you letter from our council. **Seconded** by Sue Aubin. **Carried.**

7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

We currently have 66 members. There has been a member transferred in to Blessed Sacrament from St. Joseph's council. It was agreed that a policy for Membership should be drafted. There was discussion about how to approach people who have not renewed their membership. It was agreed that no further action should be taken.

8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou discussed the idea of moving elections to January, since the National organization is planning to reduce the number of standing committees and this will change our election process. She also raised the idea of having elections only every two years, for all positions.

MOVED by Bernadette Veitch to hold elections in January 2020. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

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Mary Lou found the provincial convention to be a good experience and suggested that more of our members be funded to attend. This will be addressed in a new policy regarding provincial conventions.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Donna thanked everyone for the work done for the provincial breakfast.

There was no consensus on whether the spring potluck would be held in May or June. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

10. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Kelly Neville)

Kelly circulated a Spiritual Bouquet that is being developed for the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Father Dale Wright, to be presented for his anniversary.

11. Organization (Kelly Neville)

The annual calendar was reviewed. It was suggested that we include snow dates for meetings in January, February and March. This will be discussed at the October meeting.

Kelly circulated a list for volunteers for setup and treats for meetings.

12. Community Life (Carol Daigle)

Donna read Carol's report dealing with the local response to the HUG Centenary Committee and donations to women's shelters. Donations were forwarded to the Kingston Interval House.

Helen Henderson birthday party was a huge success!

13. Communications (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret has had no success in obtaining information about the discontinuation of National 1-888.

Pope Francis calls on all of us to pray for our common home between September 1st (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) and October 4th (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). His message may be found on the National CWL website.

14. Education (Jayme Joyce)

Donna reported that OLMC has requested that CWL members assist with some of their projects. Donna circulated a list for volunteers.

15. Health (Bev Lyman)

No report.

16. Other Reports

No other reports

Archdiocesan Events

17. 2019 Development Day (Donna Guiney)

This year's Diocesan Development Day will be held on October 19th at Our Lady of Lourdes church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Agenda includes presentation of changes to the policy manual. The afternoon will be a workshop on Internet Safety. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

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Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

18. Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret shared correspondence received from Liz Guiney.

19. Snowflake Bazaar (Mary Lou Hills)

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16th. Mary Lou Hills has volunteered to coordinate the Bazaar. Other coordinators include Shirley McDonald (Silent Auction), Kelly Neville (Bake Table), Cathy Splinter (Tea Room), Barbara Larmondin (Christmas Shoppe), Theresa Shanks (Pie Table), Donna Guiney (Advertising). A volunteer sheet was circulated.

20. Pie Making Bee (Theresa Shanks)

Theresa Shanks will coordinate the annual Pie Making Bee on October 30th at 10:00 a.m.

21. Signup Weekend (Donna Guiney)

The parish is holding signup weekend for lectors, eucharistic ministers, etc. on the weekend of September 21/22. The CWL is providing a social after each Mass. Mary Lou Hills will coordinate Saturday and Cathy Splinter will coordinate Sunday. Food left from the provincial convention will be used. Volunteers would be appreciated.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. Kelly Neville led in the Council Prayer Partners' prayer.

Meetings 2019: October 8, November 12, December 10 (potluck)

Meetings 2020: January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9