

**Minutes of General Meeting on Tues. Feb 11, 2014 at Parish Hall.**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Church CWL, Amherstview, ON.**

**Attendance** : Shirley McDonald, Donna Guiney, Marie Pemberton, Helen Hanley, Mary Grace Amann, Marie Minifie, Bernadette Burgess, Danna Dobson, Mary Seifred, Kelly Neville, Carol Daigle.

**1-2. Welcome and Call to Order-** by Shirley McDonald at 7:05 pm.

**Opening Prayer** - Bernadette Burgess "*Prayer for Vocations*".

**3. The minutes of the Jan.14, 2014** were distributed, read, no corrections noted. Approved by Danna Dobson, seconded by Helen Hanley. Carried.

**4 -5. Spiritual Advisor's Report and Spiritual Development and Reflection** - Donna Guiney read "Salt of the Earth - Light of the World. Matthew 5: 13- 16. Also, a reminder that Feb.11, 2014 is *World Day of the Sick*.

**6. Treasurer's Report** - Donna Guiney reported and distributed the January, 2014 bank statement. Each attending member received a copy of the actual expenses incurred in 2012; the budget and actual income for 2013; and the budget for 2014. The bankbook balance as of Feb.11, 2014 is \$3602.46. The cost of the Birthday Masses for the members is \$20.00 a month.

Fr. Stan does not want gifts - so for his birthday in March the \$150.00 has been re-directed to a gift for the Priests' Retirement Fund in his name. Fr. Stan's Christmas gift will be a Mass celebrated for his intentions. A Spiritual Bouquet will be presented to Fr. Stan for his Anniversary of Ordination in June. Approved by Helen Hanley, seconded by Mary Seifred. Carried.

**7. Membership Report** - Kelly Neville reported that there are 68 renewals and 1 transfer for a total of 69 - there are 18 unpaid memberships. Reminder letters will be sent to the 18. Rita Campbell's name was picked in the Early Bird Draw. Her fees will be returned to her and will be covered by our council.

**8. President's Report** - Shirley McDonald reminded the members of the Holy Week and Triduum workshop presented by Fr. John Hibbard. The date and venue has been changed to Feb 25, 2014, 6:30 to 9 pm, at the Pastoral Centre, 390 Palace Rd., Kingston. The Theme of the CWL Convention is *We Have Seen the Lord - as People of Faith*. The convention will be held this May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ambassador Hotel. The Saturday Symposium will be on Mental Health Issues.

Danna Dobson will look into a guest speaker on Mental Health for our own council she'll bring some proposals to the March Meeting.

For a copy of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention and Registration Form and Information package go to the Blessed Sacrament website. The registration form and monies must be submitted by March 9, 2014. Put into an envelope - mark with Shirley McDonald's name and leave on Religious Articles Case.

Our council will be paying the banquet fees for Fr. Stan, Deacon Gervais and Fr. Talon.

**9 - 9.1 Old Business** - Our council hopes to present Sr. Mary Jo with the CWL Maple Leaf Pin. Tentative date is March 5, 2014. At that time Sister will have visitors from the Dominican. Notify Shirley if you wish to attend.

Shirley reminded us that "*Catch the Fire*" is at our church on April 5, 2014.

**9.2** Draft policies for Snowflake Bazaar and Education Standing Committees have no revisions. Approved by Danna Dobson, seconded by Marie Minifie. Carried.

**9.3** Our council has purchased a change table for the main level bathroom - previously approved.

Forty used armchairs have been purchased by the Knights from St. Thomas Anglican Church at a cost of \$8.00 each for a total of \$320.00. Our portion is \$160.00 - previously approved.

**9.4 Craft Group** - Activity dates are postponed until next meeting.

**9.5 CPR** - Marie Pemberton gave a follow-up on the CPR Class to be held from 9 am to 12.30 pm on Sat. March 29, 2014, at a cost of \$5.00 each. Limit of 30 people. Pre-register with Donna Guiney.

**10. Standing Committee Reports**

**10.1 Spiritual Development** - Donna Guiney gave her main report during the Executive Reports. Please return Lenten Purple Crosses if you have some at home.

**10.2 Organizations** - No report.

**10.3 Christian Family Life** - No report.

**10.4 Community Life** - Kelly Neville presented 3 worthy causes for a local charity - Amherstview or Odessa Sharing Centres or Easter Seals. The members chose Easter Seals. Kelly will bring the donation to the Easter Seals Kingston Telethon on April 13, 2014. The amount of \$300.00 was approved at the Jan.14, 2014 meeting.

**10.5 Education**- No report

**10.6 Health** - Marie Pemberton read part of a report from the 2014 Health Care Pharmacare Issues. She urged us to go to the website and post a copy of the petition for a Universal Pharmacare Plan.

**10.7 Communications** - Carol Daigle reminded the members that March will be the time for our diocese to send Pornography Hurts cards to parliament.

The RCMP have set up an enforcement team to combat human trafficking.

There will be a Mass on Vision TV, April 26, 2014, feast day of our Lady of Good Council, sponsored by the National CWL.

**10.8 Resolutions** - No report

**10.9 Legislation** - No report.

**11 Archdiocesan Events**

**11.1** International Women's Day will be held on March 8, 2014. The Theme is "Women Do Peace". The Keynote Speaker is Erna Paris. The cost of \$25.00 includes lunch, childcare and parking. To be held at Providence Spirituality Centre from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

**12 New Business**

**12.1** Members voted to donate \$25.00 to the World Day of Prayer March 7, 2014 for charities around the world. Approved by Mary Seifred, seconded by Helen Hanley. Carried.

Marie Sardinha will give a talk about Birthright at our March 11, 2014 meeting. Please donate baby items and bring to the meeting.

**12.2** Correspondence - Thank you cards received from Johanna Boon and Margaret Ryvola.

**13.** The Knights will be holding their garage sale on May 3, 2014. Due to the Diocesan CWL Convention on May 3 & 4, the bake sale will have to be changed to another time - to be determined.

**Adjournment** - Helen Hanley closed the meeting with the League Prayer at 9:05 pm.

**Next Meeting: March 12, 2014**