



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

Date, Sept. 9, 2014 after Liturgy of the Word at 7:00 PM
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

Attended by: Kelly Neville, Katie Doran, Mary Seifred, Marie Minifie, Eleanor Wagar, Teresa Horner, Carol Daigle, Ann Leclair, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks

Executive Reports

	Presenter
1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:28PM	Shirley McDonald
2. Opening prayer-League Prayer	Mary Seifred
3. Guest Speaker –Katie Doran-Education & Support Coordinator at Alzheimer's Society- Introduced by Shirley McDonald. Her very informative presentation was on "Responsive Behaviour & Effective Communication" - see attached note.	
4. Minutes from June 10/14-motion for approval from Mary Seifred; seconded by Mary Garrah; approved by all members	Theresa Shanks
5. Spiritual Advisor's Report-no report	Father Stan
6. SpiritualDevelopment&Reflection-Donna gave handout-A Catholic Update-end of life – moral issues.	Donna Guiney
7. Treasurer's Report-Donna provided July & August bank statements-bank balance is \$2,375.77.	Donna Guiney
8. Membership Report- Kelly informed members that 2015 membership will be available online to her in October. Early membership payment was discussed.	Kelly Neville
9. Archdiocesan Report-Shirley invited interested members to attend the President's meeting with her on Sat., Sep. 27/14.	Shirley McDonald
The annual Diocesan retreat will be held, Sat. Oct. 18 th at Our Lady of Lourdes-time-9:00AM – 3:00PM. Guest speaker-Sister Jocelyn Monette.	
Second annual Healthy & Faithful Workshop will be held Sat. Oct. 4 th -10AM-2PM St. Paul the Apostle church-several presentations-cost \$10.00	

Old Business

10.1 Elections to be held at Nov. 11/14 General Meeting-Shirley explained executive positions to be voted on. After our Sept. meeting, letters will be sent to all members which includes the list of eligible members to nominate and a brochure to explain positions. She asked members to offer their skills and gifts to our council by taking part in these positions. She stressed how remarkable our council is and thanked her present executive for their assistance to her and the council members.	Shirley McDonald
10.2 Birthright Dinner-our council gifted two dinner tickets to Don & Jacquie DiRocco who will attend this function on Sat., Nov. 1, 2014.	Shirley McDonald
10.3 HHCC Annual Birthday Party Aug. 28, 2014 Report-Kelly advised that the party was very successful...guests received the cupcake of their flavour choice. Kelly gave special thanks to the members who baked cupcakes and served.	Kelly Neville
10.4 Shirley handed out policy info on executive positions, President, Past President, Treasurer-will ask for approval of these policies at Oct. Gen.Mtg. Policy Manual #7.1 (Members Attending Convention)-deferred to Oct. Gen. Mtg.	Shirley McDonald

Standing Committee Reports

11.1 Spiritual Development-no report	Donna Guiney
11.2 Organization-(previously reported in #10.1 Elections)	Shirley McDonald
11.3 Christian Family Life-no report	Jane Burke
11.4 Community Life-(previously reported in #10.3 HHCC Birthday Party)	Kelly Neville
11.5 Education-Eleanor will request OLMC newsletter to include info on our Snowflake Bazaar, Nov. 1/14; collect stamps for missions; CWL membership; KofC Octoberfest Oct. 4/14	Eleanor Wagar
11.6 Health-Shirley advised that Marie Pemberton is considering organizing a Health Fair in Spring of 2015	Marie Pemberton
11.7 Communication-no report	Carol Daigle Danna Dobson



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11.8 Legislation/Resolutions-no report

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Shirley McDonald

12.1 Snowflake Bazaar-Shirley will act as co-ordinator for the bazaar. A volunteer sheet was passed around. Time of 10AM-2PM was approved with exception of Silent Auction(to be held from 10AM-1:45PM) Marie Minifie asked for help to drive her to businesses to pick up vouchers, etc. Hugh McKenna has donated a quilt (value \$200) for our raffle. Mary Garrah will co-ordinate a Kitchen Basket (second prize)(value \$80.) Members will bring one unused kitchen item from home to our Oct. meeting to be used in the prize basket)
Ticket sales will start in October.

12.2 Pie Making-Oct 1, 2014 9AM Parish Hall-Theresa sent around volunteer sign-up sheet for this project.

Theresa Shanks

Other

Correspondence-Carol read thank you cards from Sr. Evelyn Emery, family of John Rogers (Pat Hoobin's brother), Paul Marshall & family
Theresa thanked members for prayers for her son-in-law who is finishing chemo treatment for his cancer illness.

Carol Daigle

Closing Prayer –to Our Lady of Good Counsel for our members; Michelle Beneteau (deceased on Sept. 7/14) and Ron Ethridge (upcoming surgery) and upcoming 2014 Climate Change meeting

Shirley McDonald

Meeting adjourned at 9PM

Thank you to members who will bring desserts to our future meetings.

Future Meetings: Oct.14/14;Nov.11/14;Dec.9/14(Christmas Potluck)



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7:30PM – 8:15PM

Guest Speaker, Katie Doran, Education & Support Co-ordinator at Alzheimer's Society

Presentation on **Responsive Behaviour and Effective Communication**

Katie showed a Power Point presentation explaining Dementia – the umbrella term for a variety of disorders. There are two kinds of Dementia – Reversible Dementia and Irreversible Dementia

She explained different behaviours in patients and what triggers them. Caregivers should keep track of these behaviours. With Dementia, the patient's mind is placed in his life span between age 3 and 30.

Medication can help in some instances.

Available to help patients who wander are wandering mats which have an alarm that will go off as they try to get out a door.

Communication is difficult and she noted that 85-93percent of your message to a patient will be conveyed by touch, i.e. holding their hand.

Patients need caring people to help them.

Caregivers quite often find that their life has become very lonely and they may need some assistance (eg to do errands or housework). Stress affects their health and they need regular breaks and friends to listen to them.

Katie listed several services at the Alzheimer Society of KFL&A including available support groups-she would appreciate volunteers to help the Society.

A table was set up to display brochures and information for our CWL members to take home.

Thank you card was presented to Katie from Shirley McDonald.