



# MINUTES

## CWL General Meeting

May 14, 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.*

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**Attendance:** Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Bernadette Veitch, Margaret Wilson Carol Daigle, Margaret Barker, Shirley Jaynes, Sue MacDonald, Cathy Splinter, Susan Aubin, Mary Garrah, Barbara Larmondin, Theresa Shanks, Liz Guiney, Danna Dobson.

### Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville)**

Kelly led in the Prayer of St. Francis.

**3. Approval of Agenda (Shirley McDonald)**

**MOTION** by Danna Dobson to approve the agenda of the general meeting of May 14, 2019 as amended.  
**Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

**4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)**

**MOTION** by Susan Aubin to approve the minutes of the general meeting of April 9, 2019 as distributed.  
**Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

**5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)**

No report.

**6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)**

A current balance sheet was distributed. Balance at April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was \$4,395.81.

**7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)**

We currently have 66 members.

**8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)**

No report.

**9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)**

Donna reported on recently deceased John Vanier and his work with marginalized people. She likened the Catholic Women's League to the themes of his life – "ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

### Standing Committee Reports

**10. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Kelly Neville)**

Kelly reported on the Crowning of Mary ceremony that was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> and she thanked those who assisted.

Kelly reflected on the passage from Luke 24:3, dealing with the Resurrection of Jesus.

**11. Organization (Kelly Neville)**

Nothing to report.

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## 12. Christian Family Life (Jane Burke)

No report.

## 13. Community Life (Carol Daigle)

Carol is looking for volunteers for the Helen Henderson birthday party on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Carol also noted that our member, Sr. Mary Jo Mazzerole, recently received an award from the Dominican Republic for her service with the missions there.

Carol noted that Loyalist Township is conducting a survey as to the need for accessible bus transportation in the township. More information is available on the Loyalist website.

Regarding Project Homeland, two individuals from the military (one male, one female) will be invited to the Beef Dinner to speak about serving overseas.

## 14. Communications (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret reported on information received from the National Communications chair. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, the national phone line will be discontinued. Other changes to the League will be ongoing as the new Strategic Plan is implemented. More information is available at: <https://cwl.ca/implementation-of-the-strategic-plan/>. Margaret will contact the Diocesan Communication Chair to discuss the phone line, which our members felt would be a great inconvenience.

World Communication Day is June 2, 2019. Pope Francis' new theme is: "We are members, one of another: From network community to human communities".

## 15. Legislation/Resolutions (Danna Dobson)

Nothing to report.

## 16. Other Reports

Margaret Barker reported on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel tea, which was well attended. She suggested that a similar event be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> for the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## Archdiocesan Events

### 17. 2019 Diocesan Convention (Donna Guiney)

Donna reported on the 97<sup>th</sup> Diocesan convention, hosted by St. Paul the Apostle parish.

## Old Business

### 18. 2019 Provincial Convention Request – July 13-17, 2019

A committee has been formed and volunteers are needed to assist with food preparation and service at the Ambassador. The committee will meet Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in the hall at 10:00 am. About \$1,000.00 has been obtained from other councils to assist with food costs.

Donna encouraged everyone to consider attending the provincial convention as it will be held in Kingston. Registration forms should be completed by June 5<sup>th</sup> and will be processed through the parish.

### 19. Bake Sale – May 4<sup>th</sup> (Donna Guiney)

Donna reported on the Bake Sale that was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers were thanked. A total profit of \$682.00 was raised.

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## 20. Mission Trip Report (Liz Guiney)

Liz reported on her recent trip to New York where she assisted with soup kitchens and other projects with the poor. The trip was a great learning experience for her and her group.

### New Business

## 21. Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret shared correspondence received.

## 22. Confirmation

Confirmation is May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Volunteers are requested to help with refreshments after Confirmation.

## 23. Father's Day

Cards will be available to list loved ones for prayer.

## 24. Graduation

Jayme Joyce will be presenting graduation awards for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School at Blessed Sacrament.

### Other

## 25. Beef Dinner – June 22, 2019

Cathy Splinter and Lyle Arcand are organizing the beef dinner. Volunteers are needed. More information will follow.

## 26. Potluck Dinner – June 11, 2019

Donna suggested that all parishioners be invited to the potluck dinner. Membership pins will be awarded at the dinner. Non-monetary tickets will be available prior to the event to indicated numbers attending.

## 27. Prayer Network Dinner

Plans are underway for the Prayer Network dinner on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pies will be requested for dessert. Volunteers are needed.

## 28. Homeless Report (Carol Daigle)

Carol reported on the Diocesan project (H.U.G.S.) related to homelessness and praised our members for generosity with our donations in the past. Items for the homeless that could fit into a cosmetic bag are requested and these will be collected at the potluck dinner.

### Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm. Kelly Neville led in the Council Prayer Partners' prayer.

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**Meetings 2019:** June 11 (potluck), September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (potluck)