



Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Minutes of General Meeting of Tues., April 9, 2013 at Parish Hall, 7:00P.M.

Attendance: Kelly Neville, Joyce O'Connor, Bernadette Burgess, Teresa Horner, Ann Leclair, Rita Campbell, Margaret Wilson, Carol Daigle, Danna Dobson, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Susan Aubin, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks

- 1-2 **Welcome & Opening Prayer:** Shirley McDonald welcomed Fr. Stan, our guest speaker for our parishioners and members. The League Prayer was said. Fr. Stan gave an enlightening talk on Euthanasia Prevention and advised us to strongly support the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition - <http://www.epcc.ca/>. He talked about Margaret Sanger, a nurse in New York, who was instrumental in starting Planned Parenthood which eventually included abortion as a form of birth control (abortion was against her wishes). The progression of thinking about eliminating life started at this time of the 20th century. He explained that euthanasia, and assisted suicide are forms of murder. Consent or motive – even one of compassion – does not change the reality of killing a human being.
3. **Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2013:** Minutes were distributed, read, motion to approve by K. Neville, seconded by T. Horner. Recorded by Secretary Theresa.
4. **Spiritual:** 1) Donna Guiney informed us that 44 First Communion candidates will receive the sacrament at a special Mass on Apr. 14th.
2) There were seven people at Divine Mercy Sunday, Apr. 7th at Blessed Sacrament.
3) Donna's reflection was "The Key to Everyday Christian Life"-Honour the Lord with i) song ii) prayer iii) do your best iv) avoid complaining and worry v) be kind to others
4) Donna invited Rita Campbell to discuss Motion 408 from Conservative MP Mark Warawa (Langley, B.C.)-"that the House condemn discrimination against females occurring through sex-selective pregnancy termination". Members signed a paper to be faxed by Donna by April 12th to Conservative MP Scott Reid- email (reids@parl.gcc.ca)-our Federal member. Members were urged to send individual emails and letters.
5. **Donna Guiney-Treasurer-** advised March bank balance at end of March was \$4,512.12; the report was passed around.
6. **Kelly Neville –Membership-** Kelly advised there are 84 paid - 9 unpaid members- 2 new members-2 members transferred out- 2 member have moved. Kelly invited members to a presentation of 10 year pins, to be held in summer weather, to our RHSJ sisters at their new residence. Andrea Glover and Danna Dobson received their membership cards from National CWL. Danna and Joyce O Connor were introduced to members.
7. **Archdiocesan CWL Info:** Shirley advised that 8 members are registered for the 2013 Archdiocesan Convention and 6 guests are attending the banquet.
8. **Old Business, Local Projects & Events**
 - 8.1 Shirley handed out 3 new policies for review (re: **Blessed Sacrament CWL Policy Manual**)-to be discussed at our May meeting.
 - 8.2 **St. Linus Potluck**-April 20th-finalization of setup was discussed.
 - 8.3 **Card and Game Night**-April 16th-volunteers were asked to see Shirley after the meeting. Plans are being completed for this evening of fun.
 - 8.4 **Garage and Bake Sale**-Apr. 27th-volunteer list was handed around.
 - 8.5 **Catch the Fire**-10 members voted to host a conference at our parish hall-to be held in nice weather in 2014. Shirley will contact Railton and Odessa CWL to ask if they would like to join our group. Bernadette Burgess gave a brief outline for us.



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8.6 Ham Dinner-May 26th- Shirley and husband Gordon, will convene this dinner. Volunteers needed to cook hams, prepare potatoes. See Theresa for Potato recipe.

9. **Standing Committees: No reports this month**

10. **New Business**

10.1 Shirley explained the ***National CWL Instructed Vote** on changes to the CWL Constitution and Bylaws booklet. She handed out explanation sheets to members. There were approximately 25 changes that we voted on. Shirley will take our choices to the CWL Archdiocesan council. Thank you, Pres. Shirley for all your work done on this complicated official procedure. The information paperwork was excellent

***Special Note:** A voting quorum establishes that there must be 10% of the voting members of the council present when voting at council general meetings.

10.2 Treasurer Donna Guiney advised recent financial gifts: \$300 to Birthright, \$300 Hope Fund, \$50 Project Homeland

10.3 Margaret Wilson thanked members for their gift to her of a lovely Rosary.

10.4 Shirley made aware that the **Food Blitz will be held May 15th** and volunteers can phone her husband, Gordon McDonald if they wish to help.

11. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:44PM with prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Next Meeting: May 14

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