



MINUTES CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

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| DATE/TIME: | Tuesday, March 10, 2015 |
| LOCATION: | Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview following Mass and presentation of New Members and Milestone Awards |

In Attendance: Kelly Neville, Theresa Shanks, Margaret Wilson, Jane Burke,, Donna Guiney, Marie Pemberton, Teresa Horner, Danna Dobson, Ann Leclair, Gail Northcott, Betty Hutcheson, Bernadette Burgess, Susan Aubin, Noreen D'Eon, Marg Beneteau, Mary Garrah, Shirley McDonald, Carol Daigle, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills

| # | Executive Reports | Presenter |
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| 1. | Welcome and call of meeting to order | Bernadette Veitch |
| 2. | Opening prayer: League Prayer | Donna Guiney |
| 3. | Approval of minutes of General Meeting of February 10, 2015, with corrections; : Moved by Jane Burke and 2 nd by Bernadette Burgess | Mary Lou Hills |
| 4. | No Spiritual Advisor's Report | |
| 5. | Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance: \$5599.54: Outstanding checks not reflected in bank balance are: \$25.00 for World Day of Prayer, \$1560 for membership dues; \$48.03 for stamps. Moved by Danna Dobson, 2 nd by Shirley McDonald | Kelly Neville |
| 6. | Membership Report: Currently we have 80 members. Of these 72 are paid members and 8 are complimentary. Of the 72 paid members 2 members transferred in. We lost 2 members when one transferred out and one did not renew. Carol provided an explanation regarding the disbursement of membership dues: 20.00 goes to National (11.00 for National, 3.00 to Provincial, 4.00 to Diocesan Council) We retain \$5.00 which is used to pay member's registration to Diocesan Convention. | Carol Daigle |
| 7. | President's Report: President was unable to attend thus no report. | Shirley O'Connor |
| 8. | Past President Report: No report at this time | Shirley McDonald |
| 9. | Old Business | |
| | 9.1 Convention: Registration information distributed and forms collected. Payment for Registration and meals will be forwarded to the Convention Hosts. Closing date to register was March 10, 2015. | Bernadette Veitch |
| | 9.2 World Day of Prayer: Two members spoke at the World Day of Prayer. The focus was on the Bahamas. Blessed Sacrament will be hosting the 2016 Day of Prayer. Bernadette Burgess has already agreed to look after the music for the day. We are seeking a guest speaker of Cuban origin. Please contact Theresa Shanks if you are aware of anyone. | Carol Daigle/ Theresa Shanks |
| | 9.3 Crafts: From 11-8 women came for three Tuesdays and created baby blankets, Christmas ornaments. No cost to the council as materials donated. | Theresa Shanks |
| | 9.4 Foster family: Jane and Donna requested clarification of our commitment to the foster family. It was agreed that this would be a one year commitment of which \$75.00 had already been earmarked for the family in our budget. Donna Guiney would be the contact person for the family and would deal directly with them. It was moved by Donna Guiney and 2 nd by Jane Burke that the family be considered as a recipient of the Archdiocesan Council's Hope Fund. Moved by Ann LeClair and 2 nd by Margaret Wilson that, in addition to the 75.00, each month a box be discreetly provided for council members to donate to at each meeting. If the amount falls below \$20.00 then Donna has the discretion to add to it from the 75.00. | Jane Burke/ Donna Guiney |
| | 9.5 Wellness Fair: Date of the Fair is September 19, 2015. There will be a short | Marie Pemberton |



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9.5 **AED:** This has already been purchased by the Parish from a special Nevada fund.

Marie Pemberton

9.6 **Lion's Club:** Under the chair of Community Life, Marie Minifie is asking the council to consider donating funds to assist the local Lions Club with gifts and food baskets to families and individuals on low incomes. With the increase in the costs of living many charitable groups are finding it difficult to meet the increasing demands. It was suggested that consideration of providing funds for this request be deferred to next year and included in the 2016 budget. It was moved by Bernadette Burgess that CWL assist the Lions Club with the amount of \$200. This was seconded by Jane Burke. The motion was carried with one abstention and one negative vote.

Mary Lou Hills

10. Standing Committees Reports

10.1 **Spiritual Development:** In his homily this evening Father spoke about forgiveness. Donna reminded us that Lenten Confessions would be held on April 1st at 6:30 in the evening. As well Father will hold a special Day of Adoration on April 12th following Confirmation: the hours would be from noon until 3:00. Ann LeClair will present Confirmation medals to candidates on April 12th.

Donna Guiney

10.2. **Organization:** Presentation on National's theme of One Heart, One Voice, One Mission was deferred until end of meeting.

Bernadette Veitch

10.3 **Community Life:** Kelly was seeking a list of names that she could call on Palm Sunday. Once again Kelly is involved with the annual Easter Seals Kingston area Telethon

Kelly Neville

10.4 **Education:** Educational officials and curriculum designers have asked that we remain calm and wait for their report as they look at the updated Provincial Health Curriculum that is to be implemented in all schools in Ontario

Shirley McDonald

10.5 **Health:** Aaron Bailey had a previous commitment and was unable to speak at our May pot luck so he will be speaking at our April 14 meeting. Several present suggested that the members of the parish would be interested in hearing Aaron speak on his strategies for coping with ADHD. After lengthy discussions it was decided that Marie approach Aaron and let him know of our desire to invite members of the parish. We believe that, even throwing it open to the parish, there would be less people present to hear them then if he spoke at the Pot Luck. We would defer, of course, to Aaron's wishes.

Marie Pemberton

10.6 **Project Homeland:** Added to the agenda by Donna Guiney. Donna reported that donations included toothpaste, toothbrushes, coffee, gum, Sudoku books, pencils, etc. Monetary donations consisted off \$100.00. Carol and Roger Daigle will arrange for delivery of the items to CFB Kingston.

Donna Guiney

10.7 **Resolutions and Legislation:** National CWL will be busy dealing with several hot topics such Supreme Court's decisions on assisted suicide, restoring Old Age Security funding to 64 years of age, etc. National is asking the government to set up a task force on women's issues and to make these issues campaign issues. There are Provincial issues that need to be addressed such as Workplace Health and Safety. Danna reminded us that when we write letters to the government we stress that we are a **member** of the CWL and not writing on behalf of all members.

Danna Dobson

11. New Business:

11.1 **Correspondence:** no Correspondence at this time but a call to remember Sarah Pemberton in our prayers as she undergoes heart surgery in April. We asked for a Mass to be said on behalf of Father Sebastian. His father passed away in February. A "Get Well" card was sent to Buzz Hanley (Helen Hanley) who had bypass surgery; we asked that a Mass be said for Shirley O'Connor. A card was sent to Shirley as well.

Marg Beneteau



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11.2 **Spiritual Bouquet:** Card passed around for members to sign for Father Stan in honor of his birthday. Shirley McDonald

11.3 **Greeters:** It has been mentioned that since we no longer have Religious Articles for sale at church that the parish has missed the smiling faces greeting them before Mass. It was suggested that CWL members act as greeters welcoming parishioners and visitors to Blessed Sacrament Parish. Deferred. Shirley sent around a signup sheet for those interested. Shirley McDonald

11.4 **Policy and Procedures Handbook:** Shirley McDonald presented a revised draft of the policy and procedures concerning Annual Conventions: accredited delegates, payment of presidents expenses etc. Shirley McDonald moved the adoption of the policy with Danna Dobson seconding the motion.

12. **Powerpoint Presentation on National Theme**

Bernadette Veitch

13. **Closing Prayer**

Bernadette Veitch

Next Meeting : April 14, 2015