



# MINUTES CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, September 8, 2015

**LOCATION:** Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview, Ontario

**In Attendance:** Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks, Cathy Splinter, Donna Guiney, Eleanor Wagar, Danna Dobson, Ann Leclair, Bernadette Burgess, Mary Garrah, Marie Pemberton, Myrna Greenwood, Noreen D'Eon, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville

#	Executive Reports	Presenter
1.	Welcome and call of meeting to order	Bernadette Veitch
2.	Opening prayer: Aboriginal Prayer	Shawn McDonald
3.	Speaker : Aboriginal issues/Education re Feathers of Hope	Shawn McDonald
4.	A motion to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes was made by Danna Dobson, seconded by Shirley McDonald	Mary Lou Hills
5.	<b>Spiritual Advisor's Report:</b> N/A	Donna Guiney
6.	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Since Kelly was unable to attend the meeting the report was presented by Mary Lou Hills. Bank balance as of August 31, 2015 was \$1957.90. There remains one outstanding cheque, for postage and birthday cards, of 72.30. Thus the actual balance for the month would be \$1,885.60	Mary Lou Hills
7.	<b>Membership Report/ Correspondence:</b> A number of Mass Cards were sent, in particular to Fr. McNally on the death of his brother. We were also asked to remember, by prayer, several diocesan CWL members who are ill. \$20.00. We also received a number of thank you cards.	Bernadette Veitch
8.	<b>President's Report:</b> Pope Francis has designated September 1 <sup>st</sup> as the World Day of Prayer for Creation. The Youth Ministry has several activities planned to raise funds to send local youths to World Youth Day: a Catholic comedy special on October 17 and a cookbook, cost \$20.00. President's meeting is to be held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> of October and the annual CWL retreat is November 21 <sup>st</sup> held at Our Lady Of Lourdes.	Bernadette Veitch
9.	<b>Past President's Report:</b> No report at this time.	Shirley McDonald
10.	<b>Old Business</b>	
10.1	<b>Wellness Fair:</b> Marie Pemberton provided an update. The fair is September 19 <sup>th</sup> from 10-2:00. There are nine exhibitors with five speakers. At this time Marie asked that CWL members provide a tray of fruit, or vegetables, or cheese and crackers. A sheet of paper was passed around at this time for members to indicate if they would be willing to provide same.	Marie Pemberton
10.2	<b>Foster Family:</b> Donna presented family with cash and gift certificates totalling \$50.00.	Donna Guiney
10.3	<b>Snowflake Bazaar:</b> Raffle booklets are available: prizes available are Handmade quilt,(value \$200.00) Christmas stocking (handmade) with a 25.00 gift certificate, Toys-R-Us gift card valued at \$100.00 and Wine and Cheese basket valued at \$70.00. Shirley will start selling them before and after Masses starting the 4 <sup>th</sup> of October. We need someone to oversee the Silent Auction area and assist with closing activities. As well a volunteer sheet was distributed.	Shirley McDonald
10.4	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:</b> November 14 marks our 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. At our meeting on November 10 <sup>th</sup> we will celebrate this milestone with a cake. Over the course of the following 12 months we will host a spiritual event, a social event and an organizational event. The social event may be our May pot luck dinner. Bernadette has received information from McCoy travel re cost of trip to St. Joseph's Oratory and Notre Dame Cathedral, we have received information from K of C re the possibility of their being a community breakfast in honor of the CWL in November.	Bernadette Veitch/ Shirley McDonald



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Bernadette and Shirley are looking for two volunteers to spearhead a committee to plan several celebrations over the coming year. Bernadette Veitch  
Shirley McDonald

10.5 **CD's sales:** CD's have been picked up and paid for. Bernadette Veitch

10.6 **Fall Elections:** In November we will have elections for Standing Committee chairs to replace those who have completed their two year term. As Past President, Shirley McDonald will act as Chair of the Nominations Committee. At least two volunteers are needed to serve on the Nominations Committee, and these volunteers should not be eligible for election to a committee.

## 11. Standing Committees Reports

11.1 **Spiritual Development:** This year we have started a new project – to give a Crucifix to each couple getting married at Blessed Sacrament. We presented one to a couple in August and another couple will receive one later in September. As well, on the weekend of October 3-4 there will be a conference held in Niagara Falls titled "Speak of My Mercy" recognizing that the Holy Father has designated this year as a year of Mercy. Donna is also looking for 2 volunteers to bring Communion/Liturgy of the Word, one Sunday a month, to residents of Briargate. Time frame is one hour from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Donna Guiney

11.2 **Christian Family Life:** No report available

11.3. **Organization:** See Old Business item re Fall Elections. Other business includes Mary Grace and Joe Amann are coordinating a bingo in support of the Transplant Advocate Association. It will be held on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 for a ticket package worth \$21.00. If several people are interested we would be seated together in our own section. If interested contact Mary Grace at 613-544-3723 or email [mgamann@bell.net](mailto:mgamann@bell.net). Carol Richer has been elected to the Provincial Legislation chair and Anne Madden has been elected as President Elect to the Provincial CWL council. Shirley McDonald

The Helen Henderson Summer Community Bulletin has done a profile on CSL member Gisele VanPutten. The article will be displayed in our CWL cabinet.

11.4 **Community Life:** Kelly thanked everyone who either baked or assisted on the day of the August birthday party held at Helen Henderson. Kelly Neville

11.5 **Education:** Eleanor thanked Shawn McDonald as tonight's speaker and Bernadette presented him with a gift as token of our appreciation. We received a thank you note from the student who received the CWL bursary. This is the first time that we have received a thank you note. Eleanor Wagar

11.6 **Communications:** Mentioned in conjunction with the President's report. As well Father George Savoie has passed away. No information forthcoming at this time as to funeral services. Bernadette Veitch

11.7 **Health:** Updated council re Wellness Fair Marie Pemberton

11.8 **Resolutions and Legislation:** no report at this time. Danna Dobson

## 12. New Business:

12.1 Correspondence: Provided in President's report and Communications committee report. Bernadette Veitch

12.2 Upcoming Diocesan Events: Presidents meeting ( October 24<sup>th</sup> and CWL retreat November 21<sup>st</sup>. Bernadette Veitch

12.3 Speaker for October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bernadette Veitch

12.4 Pie Making date is October 14, 2015 at 10:00. A sheet was distributed asking for volunteers to assist with the making of pies. Theresa Shanks



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13. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Prayer for Parish Prayer Partner, St. Denis, Athens, Ontario as well as three Hail Mary's was said. Bernadette reminded us to remember Father, the Garrah family and Shirley O'Connor in our prayers

Bernadette Veitch

**Next meeting: October 13,2015**

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