



MINUTES CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, March 8, 2016

LOCATION: Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview, Ontario

In Attendance: Margaret Wilson, Shirley Jaynes, Mary Garrah, Jane Burke, Donna Guiney, Danna Dobson, Theresa Shanks, Ann LeClair, Teresa Horner, Shirley McDonald, Sarah McParland, Marg Beneteau, Patricia Hoobin, Susan Aubin, Noreen D'eon, Bernadette Burgess, Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville

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1.	Welcome: to Shirley Jaynes and Sarah McParland	Bernadette Veitch
2.	Opening prayer: League Prayer	Bernadette Burgess
3.	Keynote Speaker: The Jubilee Year of Mercy Bernadette provided us with a beautiful explanation of the history of Jubilee years as well as an explanation of indulgences. She talked about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.	Bernadette Burgess
4.	Minutes of February 9, 2016: Jane Burke moved that the minutes be approved as read. Teresa Horner seconded the motion.	Mary Lou Hills
5.	Treasure's Report: Balance in the bank stands at 2501.31. Kelly will purchase U.S. dollars in the amount of \$100 as per remittance to "Pennies for Pesos".	Kelly Neville
6.	President's Report: The Diocesan President's meeting was cancelled due to the weather and re-scheduled for April 2.	Bernadette Veitch
7.	Membership Report: No report available at this time.	Carol Daigle
8.	Past President's Report: Deferred until further in the meeting	Shirley McDonald
9.	Old Business:	
	9.1. World Day of Prayer: Approximately 175 people attended the World Day of Prayer held on March 4, 2016. There were so many people to thank but in particular we thank Bernadette Burgess for her joyous music. As well she was instrumental in obtaining three girls for Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Thanks to Miss Amanda Cain, the grade 4 and 5 teacher who prepared the girls for the readings. The success of the reception goes to Shirley McDonald, who along with her CWL ladies, prepared everything for the reception. Participants remarked on the presentation and the food. Theresa Shanks was the creator of the beautiful Butterfly Jasmine Flowers that were handed out to attendees as well as the centerpiece flowers for each table. Thanks go to Margaret Wilson for her assistance with the decorations, the various readers and to CWL members Mary Garrah, Noreen D'Eon, Sue Aubin, Bernadette Veitch who were greeters at the door. 847.00 was donated to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada Charities. Special thanks to Father Stan who gave us "wings to fly" with few restrictions and to Donna Guiney for her assistance and message deliveries.	Margaret Wilson for Carol Daigle
	9.2 Foster Family: We have provided \$590.00 to our Foster Family in 2015. This was through a monthly donation box at our meetings and Share the Wealth. Gift cards have been provided from community businesses. We continue to assist the family as needed.	Jane Burke
	9.3 20th Anniversary Celebrations: May Potluck: Shirley McDonald has produced a CD of pictures of our council from its inception. The cost will be 5.00. Members are contemplating a trip to the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland during the Year of Mercy and also providing an opportunity to take part in a pilgrimage to St. Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.	Bernadette Veitch



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	9.4 Strawberry Social: An opportunity to raise funds for the National Catholic Women's League Education/Leadership Foundation. Cost to the public 2.00 with food would be donated by CWL Members. The Social will be held after the 9:15 Mass on the last Sunday in June 26.	Shirley McDonald
10.	Standing Committees Reports	
	10.1 Education: Donna provided us with websites to obtain information re Assisted Suicide: http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca . Dates to remember: Confirmation: April 3rd, 50 children. First Communion April 17 th , 50 children. Theresa Shanks has purchased medals. Donna requires assistance in setting up the coffee on those dates (10:15) and cutting the cake. She is also looking for volunteers to assist her in various ways in preparing the Parish Photo Directory.	Donna Guiney
	10.2 Spiritual Development: Dates and events to remember: March 14-17: Lenten Mission: 6-8 p.m. St. Mary's Cathedral March 22: Chrism Mass 7:30 St. Mary's Cathedral April 26 th : Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel: Danna Dobson moved, Mary Garrah seconded the motion that we have a yearly mass said on this date for CWL members living and deceased. Bernadette also recommended reading "The Best Lent Ever" on the web and reading "Rediscover Jesus" by Matthew Kelly.	Bernadette Burgess
	10.3 Health: Too late to have a Wellness Fair in the spring; also spoke re Assisted Suicide. Paper sent around soliciting volunteers to assist with the Wellness Fair.	Mary Lou Hills
	10.4 Communications: Letter re assistive suicide, palliative care, post cards to be sent to the Minister of Justice, postage free, re anti-pornography.	Margaret Wilson
	10.5 Resolutions and Legislation: Items for discussion: Focus is on past resolutions, in particular those dealing with spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy. Bills before Parliament: Bill 66: Restore the Great Lakes – encourage and restore our Great Lakes and strong enforcement measures Bill 75: Microbeads Bill 95: Mental Health and Addictions Services: need to remove previous protections prior to the committal of a patient to an institution without consent It was strongly suggested that Danna work with Father Stan regarding a parish wide letter. She was asked to speak to Father Stan regarding the drafting of such a letter.	Danna Dobson
11.	New Business:	
	11.1 Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from the Eileen St. Denis and Eleanor Wagar.	Margaret Wilson
	11.2 Father's Birthday: \$150.00 sent to the Priest's Retirement Fund in Father's name	Bernadette Veitch
	11.3 Bake Sale: The sale is in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Garage Sale. Shirley is looking for a coordinator for our table. The sale is April 23 rd . Flyers will go out starting April 9 th . Ham dinner is May 7 th . Shirley needs members to assist in selling tickets.	Shirley McDonald



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	11.4 Diocesan Convention: May 14/15: Council pays the 25.00 registration fee. Members wishing to attend the convention should have their cheques payable to Blessed Sacrament CWL, to Bernadette by March 20 th .	Bernadette Veitch
12.	Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15	Bernadette Veitch
	Closing prayer was the prayer for our diocesan partner, St. Denis in Athens.	Bernadette Burgess
	Next meeting is April 12, 2016	