



MINUTES CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

DATE/TIME:	September 12, 2017 After Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Gervais
LOCATION:	Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview Attending: Aubin, Susan; Barker, Margaret; Brough, Martha; Burgess, Bernadette; Callaghan, Leslie; D'Eon, Noreen; Dobson, Danna; Hills, Mary Lou; Hoobin, Patricia M.; Jaynes, Shirley; MacDonald, Sue; Martin, Margaret; Nichols, Karla; Nicholls, Anne M.; Shanks, Theresa; Veitch, Bernadette; Wilson, Margaret

#	Reports	Presenter
1.	Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:25PM. Introduction of Guest Speaker, Marilyn McLean from Kingston Street Mission, by Danna Dobson (see attached note with regard to our speaker and her Mission).	Mary Lou Hills
2.	At 8:18PM, our meeting opened with The League Prayer, and "A Blessing" (read in segments by members)	B.Burgess
3.	Approval of Minutes from June 13/17-read by all-motion to approve by Bernadette Burgess; seconded by Sue MacDonald; approved.	Theresa Shanks
4.	Spiritual Advisor's Report -no report (Mary Lou will meet with Fr.Shea re: his reports at our meetings)	Fr. Shea(absent)
5.	Treasurer's Report -\$75. cheque issued for Sept., Oct. speakers. \$82.requested for pins and awards-motion by Sue MacDonald: second by Sue Aubin; approved. In June, Birthright received \$100, not \$80.Bank Balance as at Sept. 12 2017 \$3,569.68.	Danna Dobson
6.	Membership Report -Sue passed around the list of members email addresses for editing. Mary Lou explained the purpose of emailing will be for media communication. Consent from email recipients will be needed each year at renewal time. Members will clearly agree (orally or in writing) to receive an electronic message. It is not time-limited, unless the recipient withdraws his or her consent. Mary Lou explained that our council is considering having a Facebook "protected group" page, offered to be set up by Jayme Joyce. If members are interested in taking part, please call Mary Lou.	Sue MacDonald
7.	President's Report -Mary Lou composed a newsletter for all members with regard to activities-meeting attendees each received one-balance of letters to be mailed. Mary Lou explained the November elections for Standing Committees-Sue Aubin and Mary Lou Hills volunteered to help with the elections.	Mary Lou Hills
8.	President-elect's Report -no report	D. Guiney(absent)
9.	Past President's Report/Historian -Bernadette will bring a spiritual discernment to our October meeting for all members in hopes that they will consider taking a chair at November elections. Everyone will receive a nomination form in the mail. Bernadette asked us to keep Karen and Jean Mulvihill in our prayers as their father recently passed away.	Bernadette Veitch
10.	Old Business 10.1. Strawberry Social -June 24/17-Mary Lou thanked volunteers for baking and helping. Profit was \$257.50...Bernadette Veitch made a motion that we will donate half of these funds to Kingston Street Mission and send half to National C.W.L. for leadership course funds for young women-seconded by Pat Hoobin. Carried. 10.2. Holy Cross Student Jamaica Mission Trip: Chris Forster, from Holy Cross H.S. sent letter to Mary Lou confirming that 18 students are going on the trip. Students Hannah Gibbons and Hanna Aikman from our parish, will attend our October meeting with Mr. Forster to speak on the venture and request donations. Mary Lou will invite K. of C. to attend as well as parishioners. Free will donations will be accepted by the girls. 10.3 Snowflake Bazaar Nov. 18/17: Volunteer List was handed to members.	Mary Lou Hills Mary Lou Hills Mary Lou Hills
11.	Standing Committee Reports 11.1 Spiritual Development -Kenya Help will become a voluntary donation by councils in our diocese-request has been passed by Diocesan Executive. Bernadette will organize a living Rosary to be held Sunday Oct. 29/17 at 7:00PM...60 people are needed. She will hold a School living Rosary in Spring, 2018. Bernadette and Mary Lou will take our members and parishioners intentions to their Lourdes pilgrimage Oct. 10-20. Envelope and request notes were passed around to ladies. 11.2 Organization -Bernadette advised members of the Retreat at O.L.O.L. on Saturday, Nov. 25 th - \$5.00-Bring lunch	B. Burgess Bernadette Veitch



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	11.3 Christian Family Life -(no report)	J. Burke(absent)
	11.4 Community Life -Theresa gave Carol's prepared report on HHCC Annual Birthday Party Thurs., Aug. 31 st which was a success due to 12 members baking and 8 members assisting.	C. Daigle(absent)
	11.5 Education (no report)	D.Guiney(absent)
	11.6 Health -Mary Lou advised that Fr. Shea would like a social event held to reach out for new members. Some suggestions: An English Cream Tea; Lunch on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel April 26 th . Please call Mary Lou if you would like to have a get together to discuss this further.	Mary Lou Hills
	11.7 Communications -Margaret read a letter from Shari Guinta re: pornography. It is recommended that we read her article and send postcards to the Government.	Margaret Wilson
	11.8 Resolutions and Legislation -no report till October	Danna Dobson
12.	New Business:	
	12.1 Correspondence -Margaret read thank you letters and cards from Fr. Shea; . from Hope Joyce, OLMC Religious award; from Birthright on behalf of the mothers, thanking ladies for shower gifts; from Rose Reid for Kennedy family Mass; for birthday card from Sr. Eva Underhill; from Joyce O'Connor for the blessed Quilt made by our members; Joyce also sent her Ginger Cookie recipe which we will make copies for ladies; Newsletter from Euthanasia Prevention Coalition	Margaret Wilson
	12.2 Our council will have a Mass said for the intentions of Lyle and Joan Arcand and their family.	
13.	Other:	
	13.1 Pie Making: To be held Wed. Oct. 18/17 at 9:30AM in parish hall...volunteer list handed around.	Theresa Shanks
	13.2 Convention Reports: Bernadette Burgess attended Provincial Convention in Thunder Bay and National Convention in P.E.I. A copy of the resolutions will be in the next League magazine including information on a 1998 report to help indigenous people that has not been followed through by the government..also, info on mandatory age verification for adult pornographic websites., removal of tax on child safety products and protection from coercion of conscience for healthcare professionals.	Bernadette Burgess
14.	Closing Prayer and Adjournment	
	Bernadette Burgess read closing prayer-"Christ has no body (but yours)". We said a Hail Mary for the pilgrims travelling to Lourdes. Meeting closed at 9:20PM.	

2017 Meetings: Oct. 10; Nov. 14; Dec.12(Potluck after 5:00PM Mass.

Sept. 12/17 Guest Speaker Marilyn McLean from Kingston Street Mission.

Marilyn was welcomed to our C.W.L. General Meeting by Danna Dobson. Marilyn had a photo display for us to look at. The Mission is at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church-corner of Princess and Clergy Street, Kingston, ON -is open from October to May and hopes to be available seven nights in near future. It is a donation based non-profit Agency. Volunteers have shifts from 8PM to Midnight with always two people present for safety and insurance purposes. Volunteers serve, encourage, become friends and give love to their guests and also offer coffee, tea, hot chocolate with marshmallows. They receive bread from Cobb's Bread so they can make sandwiches for the guests. On Sunday nights, they offer a free meal. Sometimes, musicians come and provide entertainment. A volunteer offered foot soaks to the guests one evening. Each evening, they usually have 20-25 guests. Marilyn held a birthday party recently and all the guests received cake and a gift card for Tim Horton's. She would like to make this an annual event if she is able to get a sponsor. They accept donations such as \$5 Tim Horton cards, \$5 McDonald's cards, socks, clothing, coats, blankets, tarps, and with winter coming, they are asking for mittens, hats, coats and sleeping bags. Marilyn talked briefly on Human Trafficking in Kingston and area. She works undercover with police officers to help stop this. She referred us to a website called Timea's Cause (<https://www.timeascause.ca/>) started by a girl who is a survivor of Human Trafficking. Timea has set up a sanctuary to help survivors. Marilyn advised that Harbor Light will take in men at night and "In from the cold" in Kingston can provide shelter for a few people. Elizabeth Fry is open from 9PM-2AM. More shelters for homeless are needed in Kingston. The Kingston mayor states that he has a 10 year poverty plan but to date there is little progress. Marilyn left cards regarding a Paint Nite Virtual Fundraiser-cost \$15. She will have a booth at Shop Local – a trade show to be held at the Ambassador Hotel this month. Mary Lou thanked Marilyn and gave her a card and donation from our C.W.L. council. Danna wishes to thank our members for their donation of \$230.00-it will be given to Marilyn soon.