



MINUTES CWL General Meeting

March 12, 2019

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Attendance: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Bernadette Veitch, Liz Guiney, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville, Danna Dobson, Jane Burke, Barbara Larmondin, Theresa Shanks, Carol Daigle, Margaret Barker, Anne Leclair, Margaret Wilson, Anne Nicholls, Pat Hoobin, Betty Hutchison, Gail Northcott, Mary Garrah, Susan Aubin, Father Tim Shea

Executive Reports

1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville)

Kelly led with the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2019 (Shirley McDonald)

MOTION by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of February 22, 2019 as amended. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

4. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Father reminded us about Lent and Lenten spiritual opportunities that will be available in our church. A Holy Hour will be held on April 14th (Palm Sunday), including Sacrament of the Sick and Anointing. Looking for volunteers to go to Cathedral on April 16th and receive holy oils for parish – Danna Dobson volunteered. Father also mentioned that we are upgrading the sound system in the church.

5. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

Danna circulated a revised budget for 2019. There will be discussion during the course of the year regarding changes to amounts of non-discretionary items. Expenses to date have been added to the budget. The costs associated with purple Lent crosses will be assigned to the pins/awards/gift's category on the budget.

6. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

There are currently 63 paid members. There was discussion about having some envelopes printed for CWL membership and have them available in the seats for next year.

7. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

Nothing to report. Margaret Barker offered to assist with policy manual.

8. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

"May every gesture of kindness be a sign of God's love". On this note, Donna introduced Liz Guiney, who spoke about Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), which is administered out of Newman House at Queen's University. The group sends students on short mission trips to other countries. Liz is going on a mission in April and is very excited about this opportunity. The work this group does is very important and rewarding. If anyone would like to assist with this trip, contact Liz or Donna. A collection will be taken up at the April meeting.



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Standing Committee Reports

9. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Kelly Neville)

Kelly distributed a Lenten checklist to do on one's own.

10. Christian Family Life (Jane Burke)

No report. Focus of committee is to provide special help to parishioners in special need, such as providing grocery cards.

11. Community Life (Carol Daigle)

- Carol reported on upcoming collection of items for Project Homeland March 16-April 14. Packages arrive during Easter week.
- Kingston Street Mission – currently need boots, towels, blankets, facecloths.
- Thanks to all who wrote letters to protest new changes to requirements for government assistance for student hires. The government has now removed its restrictions.

12. Legislation/Resolutions (Danna Dobson)

Nothing to report.

13. Other Reports

Margaret Wilson (Communications) – March is our month to send out Pornography Hurts postcards. These are available at the back of the church. Cards were distributed to those present.

Kelly Neville (Organization) – Kelly passed out a signup sheet for treats for meetings.

Archdiocesan Events

14. 2019 Provincial Convention Request

The provincial convention planning committee is requesting that Blessed Sacrament council host one of the breakfasts (Monday July 15th) at the provincial convention. We would need to do fundraising and provide for 400 people. A few other councils have been approached to assist.

A vote was taken as to whether there was interest and availability to assist with this project. Ten people showed interest. If we cannot get other councils to support this financially, we will not be able to participate.

Shirley McDonald will bring a cost outline to the April meeting. A final decision will be made at that time.

15. 2019 Convention Registration

Registration forms for the convention were circulated at the last meeting and are available in the church. They must be returned to Donna by March 22nd. Our CWL will pay for registration for members who wish to attend. Members pay for beverages and meals, as well as the banquet.

Old Business

16. Installation of Toilet Safety Support Bars (Donna Guiney)

Gordon McDonald has installed safety support bars in one of the stalls in the women's bathroom. There are also bars in the accessible bathroom upstairs and downstairs.



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17. Policy Manual

Mary Lou will be chairing a subcommittee to work on policies this year.

New Business

18. Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret Wilson reported on correspondence received.

19. Bake Sale – May 4th (Donna Guiney)

As this is on the same weekend as the Convention, alternate coordinators were requested. Theresa will activate the phone list and request volunteers.

20. Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel – Friday, April 26th (Kelly Neville)

There will be a morning mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by Adoration. Mary Lou suggested having a get-together after the mass, particularly for those members who don't get out to evening meetings. Father suggested reserving space at Papa's for people to go after mass.

There was a reminder about the Diocesan Retreat March 23rd at the Spirituality Centre.

Other

21. Murder Mystery Dinner – April 27th (Shirley McDonald)

Volunteers were requested. It was suggested that students in culinary courses at Holy Cross be approached to volunteer.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment (Kelly Neville)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Kelly closed the meeting with a Hail Mary.

Meetings 2019: April 9 (Birthright Baby Shower), May 14, June 11 (pot-luck), September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (pot-luck)