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CWL General Meeting

February 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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 by Zoom (12): Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Margaret Barker, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville, Wendy MacIsaac, Margaret Wilson, Sue MacDonald, Susan Aubin, Liz Guiney, Anne Hanley.

Attendance by Teleconference (1): Andrea Glover

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer

Kelly Neville led us in prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the agenda of the general meeting of February 9, 2021 as amended.
Seconded by Sue Aubin. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Danna Dobson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of January 12, 2021 as amended.
Seconded by Mary Lou Hills. **CARRIED.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Donna read Fr. Shea's report. Our members were thanked for their support to the parish and to him.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

a) 2021 Draft Budget

Danna presented a draft budget for 2021. It is difficult to anticipate income and expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Income will likely be down this year. Danna is forecasting a deficit again this year. It was agreed to remove the proposed amount of \$1,200.00 for Provincial Convention at this time, until the policy relating to this is approved.

MOVED by Mary Lou Hills to approve the 2021 Budget as amended. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **CARRIED.**

b) 2021 Donations

A list of proposed donations was distributed. About \$1,000 has been earmarked for charitable donations. There was discussion about which organizations to support this year. It was agreed to increase our proposed donation to the church. Danna will forward this amount immediately. Discussion on donations will continue at the March meeting.

MOVED by Margaret Barker to amend the 2021 budget to donate \$1,500.00 to the church. **Seconded** by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

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7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Currently we have 48 paid members. Members who paid up to end of January had their name put into a draw for the Earlybird prize. The winner was Suzanne MacDonald.

8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou thanked Danna Dobson for assistance with her submission to the Diocesan webmaster. The Diocesan Council is responsible for creating the Provincial online newsletter.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Donna thanked members for all of their hard work and support and summarized some of the events we have had over the past year.

Archdiocesan Events

1. Diocesan Annual Meeting (Mary Lou Hills)

The Diocesan Annual Meeting will be held on May 1st, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Gananoque. The meeting is only open to presidents of each council (or alternate) along with Diocesan officers.

The 2022 convention is being planned and will take place at the Ambassador Hotel.

2. Provincial Annual Meeting (Mary Lou Hills)

Donna Guiney has submitted an application to attend the Provincial meeting July 11-14, in Ottawa.

3. National Annual Meeting (Mary Lou Hills)

The National meeting will take place August 8-11 in Toronto.

Old Business

National Magazine Refund (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou reported that, as per National staff recommendations, the request to reduce membership fees in lieu of receiving a hard copy of national magazine was submitted to Diocesan Treasurer. The request was forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer, who denied the request to further our concerns. They felt that such a request would be denied based on national's rationale, citing rising costs of publishing the magazine, as they seek approval to raise national's *per capita* fee.

New Business

1. World Day of Prayer (Donna Guiney)

This year's World Day of Prayer is being hosted by St. Paul the Apostle church on Friday, March 5th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Attendance is online via Zoom. The theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation" and features the Republic of Vanuatu. A followup email will provide the link for registration.

2. Policy Manual (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou introduced a new policy regarding the attendance of the President at the Provincial convention. The policy was pre-circulated to members for review and was reviewed at the meeting. There was discussion regarding the capped amount provided to the President. This was changed to \$300.00.

MOVED by Mary Lou Hills to approve Policy 5.2 Provincial Convention as amended. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville.
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Other

Correspondence (Donna Guiney)

Correspondence from the previous nine months was attached to the agenda for review.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Donna led in the prayer of St. Francis.

Meetings 2021: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14