



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

January 12, 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 (14): Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville, Nickie Lake, Sarah Knill-McParland, Shirley Jaynes, Margaret Barker, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Splinter, Suzanne MacDonald, Liz Guiney, Wendy MacIsaac

Attendance by Teleconference (3): Sue Aubin, Bernadette Veitch, Barbara Larmondin

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer (Bernadette Veitch)

Bernadette Veitch led in a prayer to St. Joseph.

3. The Annual General Meeting was held.

Donna thanked Danna and Shirley for preparations for the AGM.

4. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Margaret Barker to approve the agenda of the general meeting of January 12, 2021 as amended.

Seconded by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

5. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of October 13, 2020 without changes. **Seconded** by Barbara Larmondin. **CARRIED.**

6. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Refer to Father Shea's blog for his report: http://www.blessedsacramentamherstview.org/BLOG/Shea_Blog.html.

7. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

a) 2021 Budget/Financial Statement

Danna presented a draft financial statement for 2021. Using current projections, we will run a deficit again this year (between \$900 and \$1,100). There was discussion and it was agreed to use these figures to prepare a draft budget. Danna will bring a draft budget to the next meeting for approval.

b) 2021 Donations

Everyone was asked to **send Danna suggestions for donations this year**. Please contact Danna by email at: eggdob2020@gmail.com or by phone at: 613-634-9621. Allocations will take place at the February meeting.

8. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Currently we have 39 members. Anyone who pays up to end of January has their name put into a draw for the Earlybird prize. With the onset of a new lockdown, **outstanding membership dues should be mailed to Danna Dobson or Margaret Barker.**

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9. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

No report.

10. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Members have been very happy with communications this year, including phone calls and newsletters.

Executive annual reports are due January 15, 2021.

The deceased members' plaque is due for updating. This will be done by Bernadette Veitch. Margaret Barker will provide names and dates, Danna will provide funding for obtaining name plates.

Archdiocesan Events (Donna Guiney)

2021 Provincial Convention

Registration fee for our council delegate to the virtual convention is paid by our council (policy 5-1). If anyone wishes to attend the provincial convention in July, they should indicate to Donna **by January 22, 2021**.

Old Business

1. National Magazine Refund (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou inquired about CWL magazines that had not been received by members. National responded that all 2020 magazines were published and mailed out. The winter 2021 issue will be online only. Mary Lou questioned whether members who do not want the magazine could be reimbursed \$3.00 of their membership fee (which is the amount allocated to the magazine). Her next action will be to forward her request by email to the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer on the recommendation of Amanda McCormick, national staff member responsible for communications/social media/publicity.

2. Outreach (Donna Guiney)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Women's League had to pivot to serve their community when all the usual activities and events were cancelled. In addition to the donation to Lionhearts Inc., members of the CWL actually volunteered with meal preparations and serving the takeout meals at the Amherstview Sharing Centre three nights a week.

Hat, mittens and lap quilts crocheted and donated by a local resident were provided to organizations that would ensure distribution to those in need.

Over 100 hygiene kits were purchased and supplemented with hats or mitts and small activity items before providing them to the Kingston Street Mission, St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Mary's Cathedral (Christmas dinner). Our community outreach programme also donated to Martha's Table, to ensure that those who received kits were able to get "take out" / "to go" meals. This work was made possible by generous donations from our members, parishioners and community members, in response to a request to support those in need in our community.

Danna suggested that ideas for future Outreach activities should be forwarded to Anne Hanley.

New Business

Establishing Quorum (Mary Lou Hills)

There are no precedents for quorum established at any level in the CWL. **MOVED** by Bernadette Veitch that quorum for voting at meetings is 12 members, of which at least three are executive members. **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED**.

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Other

Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Correspondence was received from Martha's Table, thanking us for our donation and welcoming future donations.

Margaret is now sending greeting cards to members, let her know if anyone needs inspirational or sympathy cards.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Bernadette led in the prayer to St. Marguerite Bourgeoys.

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