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CWL General Meeting

April 12, 2022 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 (6): Theresa Shanks, Sue Aubin, Margaret Barker, Donna Guiney, Mary Grace Amann, Suzanne MacDonald. **Attendance in Church Hall:** Danna Dobson, Kelly Neville, Mary Lou Hills, Margaret Wilson, Bernadette Veitch, Cathy Splinter, Gail Raymond, Shirley McDonald,

A Quorum WAS achieved at this meeting.

Executive Reports

1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Kelly Neville)

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer: The League Prayer

Led by Kelly Neville and said by all.

3. Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Shirley McDonald to approve the agenda of the general meeting April 12, 2022 with date of the agenda amended and the addition of Treasurer's report. **Seconded** by Bernadette Veitch. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting March 8, 2022, with the following items to be amended: spelling, typos, correction of Shirley Jaynes' name. **Seconded** by Gail Raymond. **CARRIED.**

5. Spiritual Advisor's Report:

Donna will give on his behalf as part of her Past President's report

6. Membership Report: (Margaret Barker)

We now have 55 members.

7. Past President's Report: (Donna Guiney)

- Donna reported on the Prayer Group Committee – they will meet after Easter services. Members include Andrea Glover, Suzanne MacDonald, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Mary Lou Hills, and Anne Nichols.
- Asked us to begin the novena to the Divine Chaplet on Good Friday (April 15, 2022). On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th, there will be a special service to end the novena at 3:00pm. Pope Francis has dedicated the Novenna to peace in the Ukraine. Donna asked the secretary to send a reminder to all CSL members by email. Or to check parish website for more information

8. President's Report: (Kelly Neville)

- Will report on Food Bank drive under Old Business

9. Treasurer's Report: (Danna Dobson)

- Received a donation of \$132 to offset the cost of membership for the 3 Sisters and long term care residents.
- Received a donation to pay for members years of service pins.
- Donation of \$ 30, for up to 10 members, to offset the cost of the gala banquet on Sunday, May 1st at the closing of the Diocesan 100th Convention and General meeting
- Received a donation of \$100 dollars to cover registration for 3 delegates (including president and accredited delegate) and Father Shea's dinner on Sunday, May 1st.

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- Danna noticed the omission of Fundscrip from Old Business. She requested that this be a standing item for discussion at meetings.

10. Standing Committee Reports:

Christian Family Life: (Kelly Neville/Suzanne MacDonald) : Report is found under Food Bank in Old Business

Education: No Report

Health: (Shirley McDonald): In Newsletter

Communications: (Margaret Wilson) In Newsletter

Resolutions/ Legislation: No Report

11. Old Business:

- **Instructed Vote: (Mary Lou Hills)** reported that signed forms were mailed to the Diocesan President on March 11th as per National's instructions: that the Diocesan council receive the results one month before the Convention/ General meeting

- **Diocesan Convention: (Kelly Neville)**

She also asked for a member to step forward to represent her, as an Accredited Delegate, at the convention in the instance that she is not able to attend. It is vital that we have a voting delegate at the convention – in particular re the instructed vote. Our votes need to counted.

- **Donations (Hope Fund): (Danna Dobson):**

Donation to Hope Fund of \$100 already sent to Diocesan Treasurer

- **Food Drive: (Kelly Neville)**

Special thank you to Gord McDonald for delivering 940 lbs of food and other essential items to Partners In Mission Food Bank as a result of our successful March 27/ 28th food drive. Furthermore a cheque for \$500 dollars was presented to Partners in Mission Food Bank as per cash donations from parishoners. Kelly has reported the results as per National offices' recommendation.

12. New Business:

- **Donation to Poland: (Bernadette Veitch)**

MOVED by Bernadette Veitch that Blessed Sacrament Parish Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada donate \$200 to Caritas (Poland) , as per Fr. Marc Chopek's request, to assist Cariatas with their work in Poland to assist Ukrainian Refugees. **Seconded** by Danna Dobson. **DENIED.**

MOVED by Shirley McDonald that the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada donate \$100 to Caritas (Poland). **SECONDED** by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

Cheque will be forwarded to Jean Mulvihill, Treasurer Diocesan Council.

- **Garage/Bake Sale: (Kelly Neville)**

Donna Guiney checked with K of C Knight Lyle Arcand who stated that there would be no garage sale on June 4th after all. Cathy Splinter suggested that we hold a "No Bake" bake sale instead on the weekend of June 4/5th. We would just need volunteers to stand at the back of the church to accept donations – cash – from parishioners. Mary Lou Hills to contact Marie Minifie to design posters for use at the church – advertising the sale.

- **Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel – April 26th/Birthright Baby Shower (Mary Lou Hills)**

Mary Lou had hoped that we could have a special evening marking the feast day however the Knights of Columbus are having their general meeting on that night. She wondered if it would be possible to hold the birthright baby shower again as well. However, given we are still leery of attending social gatherings because

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of the pandemic, and because we also donate to Birthright as one of our budgeted items, it was the general consensus that we wait another year. It was also suggested that we invite Bernadette Burgess to speak at a meeting on our patroness. Tabled for another meeting – perhaps May.

- **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care – May 4th (Liz Guiney)**

Liz to check with Provincial/ National websites re information concerning this.

- **Crowning of the Statue of Blessed Mother – Mother’s Day May 8th (Mary Lou Hills)**

Given the pandemic we will not be able to do that this year.

- **Motions on Pins (Kelly Neville)**

MOVED by Margaret Barker that the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council of The Catholic Women’s League of Canada present membership pins, awards and recognitions at the May 2022 meeting and/or mass.

SECONDED by Sue Aubin. **CARRIED**

13. Correspondence: (Margaret Wilson)

Thank-you letters and notes were received from Birthright, Martha’s Table, the Food Bank and Tooley for our donations to their organizations.

A thank-you card from Patti Ann Whalen for the special birthday card from the CWL marking her 60th birthday. She received 70 birthday cards!

14. Members Concerns/ comments:

Funeral Luncheons (Cathy Splinter): Cathy has spoken with Father and believes that we can safely begin to hold funeral luncheons again. Members have said that they are most willing to help and are looking forward to serving at that part of our ministry.

Donna Guiney reminded us that Father Shea’s birthday was on the 13th of April and that he would be 74 years of age and has been a priest for 48 years. She asked that we remember him and pray for him.

15. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Kelly Neville led us in a Hail Mary for Father. Mary Grace Amann moved that we adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Meetings 2022: May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13