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CWL General Meeting

November 8th, 2022

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 (5): Suzanne MacDonald, Liz Guiney, Donna Guiney, Susan Aubin, Margaret Barker

Attendance in Hall: (9): Kelly Neville, Margaret Wilson, Gail Raymond, Andrea Glover, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls, Shirley McDonald, Cathy Splinter, Danna Dobson

Regrets: Father Shea was away, Deb McKee unable to attend as she had to work,

A Quorum WAS achieved at this meeting. Meeting was held in the Church Hall and on Zoom

Executive Reports

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

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:10

2. Opening Prayer: Liz Guiney led members in The League Prayer.

3. Spiritual Advisor's Report: (Donna Guiney for Father Shea)

- 40th Anniversary Potluck Supper, sponsored by The Catholic Women's League; Mass at 5:30, dinner to follow is on December 13, 2022.
- The Children's Christmas Pageant will take place
- 5% of the church envelopes at each Mass will be donated to a new/ special fund that is being created and will assist recognized local, national or international Missions
- Altar boys will return to wearing gowns starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent
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4. Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Gail Raymond to approve the agenda of the general meeting of November 8th, as presented, with the addition of Funeral Luncheons under New Business; Luncheons and Correspondence should be a standing item.

Seconded by Anne Nicholls

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of October 11 2022 General Meeting: (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of October 11th2022, as corrected.

Seconded by Danna Dobson.

CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report: (Danna Dobson)

One will be made available at the December Pot- Luck supper and will contain results of the bazaar and Fundscrip. However, during the meeting Danna reported our bank balance as \$4,764.00. Lately the Treasurer's report has been missing from the agenda – that has now been corrected.

7. Membership Report: (Margaret Barker)

We currently have 54 members.

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8. Past President`s Report: (Donna Guiney)

Donna and Danna Dobson have been working on amending and creating several new policies to be included in our Policy and Procedure manual.

- The first one to be drafted deals with Zoom meetings / virtual technology issues.
- The third policy that Donna has been working on is to provide guidelines to our members when families request that The Catholic Women`s League pray the Rosary at a deceased members wake.
- She is also working on a policy with Danna Dobson for holding meetings using technology such as Zoom and teleconference calls.

Donna asked Mary Lou Hills to provide her with the Policies and Procedures that she was working when she was Past President. Mary Lou reported that Margaret Barker had presented a policy and procedure dealing with the Executive position of Membership Convenor. Mary Lou had also added a section to the policy dealing with the position of Past President.

It was **moved** by Donna Guiney that we amend the per person cost for funeral luncheons. The recommendation was a raise from \$5.00 to \$10.00 due to inflation. **Seconded** by Shirley McDonald. Members of the Executive and the funeral committee were asked to review the amount of food prepared per number of guests.

Carried

7. President`s Report: (Kelly Neville)

No Report

8.Report of the All President`s Meeting of Oct. 22nd 2022/ Diocesan Report: (Mary Lou Hills)

- The 101st Annual Convention and Meeting of the Kingston Diocesan Council will be held at the Quality Inn, Kingston on April 29/30th. The original dates for the convention had to be changed as the hotel was fully booked on the original May weekend.
- Since there is no host council for the convention, as in previous years, the Kingston Diocese of the CWL will host the convention. They are asking individual parish councils to take on such roles as greeters, helping with table decorations at the closing banquet, creating a Prayer Room, etc. Already one council has stepped forward to handle registration.
- On November 19th the Diocesan Council will be holding an information session on the changing organizational structure of The Catholic Women`s League of Canada. The time is 9 a.am until 12:30 p.m. and is being held in 4 different locations with the same program being facilitated by 2 members of the Diocesan Executive at each location. Blessed Sacrament is the host for the Kingston and area councils and will be led by Mary Lou Hills, Bernadette Veitch and President, Lyne Tuepah.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

- **Christian Family Life: (Suzanne MacDonald)**

Suzanne MacDonald thanked the donor who paid for the miraculous Baptismal medal; Ian Moore for printing the Guardian Angel Prayer card and Marie Minifie for designing them. Earlier that Sue`s email was forwarded to the executive and to members with email addresses.

There were no other Committee reports

10.. Business arising from the minutes of June 14th General meeting:

- **Fundscrip/Fundraising: (Danna Dobson)**
 - Order forms can be returned to the office. Danna has had some delivered to her already, there have been inquiries from parishioners.
 - While we have a generous donor to subsidize our membership fees this year, it is hoped that revenue can be generated each year to assist members without raising the member fees

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substantially. We have also received a generous donation of \$500 from the proceeds of the Knights of Columbus garage sale.

- Danna is also looking to have members approve 1/3rd of the cost of the Zoom line – this will be tabled at our meeting in January
- Lottery license has been obtained
- Kelly Neville has contacted all the members who have volunteered for the Snowflake Bazaar. Danna Dobson wanted letters sent to members outlining the reverse Advent calendar, bazaar and the per capita fees. Mary Lou Hills stated she would send a letter to each member, that she had enough stamps
- Reverse Advent Calendar was explained by Kelly Neville and she reminded those present to bring them to the Pot luck supper on December 13th.

11. New Business

A. **Advent School Mass:** Refreshments: (Mary Lou Hills)

Mary Lou represented the CWL at the Parish Council meeting. Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has asked the Catholic Women's League to provide refreshments for 200 students following the Advent Student Mass on Dec. 14th.

B. Development Day included in All President's Meeting report/ Diocesan Report

C. Kingston Diocesan 101st Annual Convention: included in the All President's meeting report/ Diocesan Report

12. Correspondence: (Donna Guiney)

The Council received a Thank You and note from Gail Northcott thanking us for the Mass for her deceased husband.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Liz Guiney led us in prayer:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Dates to note:

- **Development Day: November 19, 2022**
- **Snowflake Bazaar: November 26, 2022**
- **Parish and CWL Potluck supper: December 13, 2022**
- **Blessed Sacrament Annual General Meeting: January 10th, 2023**
- **All Presidents Meeting: February 2023**
- **Diocesan CWL Retreat: March 2023**
- **Blessed Sacrament Birthright Baby Shower: April 11th, 2023**
- **April 26th: Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel: The Patroness for The Catholic Women's League of Canada**
- **Diocesan 101st Annual Meeting and Convention – April 29/30th 2023**

Meetings 2023: Weather permitting: January 10th, February 14th, March 14th, April 11th, May 9th and June 13th, 2023