



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

September 13, 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, Kelly Neville, Danna Dobson

Attendance in Hall: (9) Father Tim Shea, Margaret Wilson, Gail Raymond, Andrea Glover, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls, Margaret Barker

Regrets: Deb McKee unable to attend as she had to work, Shirley McDonald is away.

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

Executive Reports

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

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:35

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

3. Approval of Agenda (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Anne Nicholls to approve the agenda of the general meeting of September 13th, 2022 as presented with the additions, under Business arising from the minutes: Baptism pins (Christian Family Life); Parish Prayer Booklet, Funeral Luncheons and Correspondence. Fundscrip and Newsletter should be a standing item.

Seconded by Margaret Barker. **CARRIED**

4. Approval of Minutes (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Gail Raymond to approve the minutes of the general meeting of June 14, 2022, as corrected.

Seconded by Danna Dobson. **CARRIED**

5. Treasurer's Report: (Danna Dobson)

No Report.

6. Membership Report: (Margaret Barker)

We currently have 54 members. This was Margaret's last in person meeting as she is moving to Richmond, Ontario. Margaret said that she will continue with the work involved in being the Membership convenor, since most of her responsibilities are on-line, until December 31, 2022.

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

- Donna stated that as a result of the instructed votes there are ongoing decisions to be made by Parish Councils dealing with the structure of the League; the amalgamation of several councils.
- Donna has drafted a policy on protocol for saying the Rosary when requested, by the family, for a deceased member of The League.
- She is also working on a policy with Danna Dobson for holding meetings via Zoom and with teleconference calls.
- The Council received a letter from the Knights of Columbus thanking the Council for their help before – with set up; during – with sales; and after – with clean up – at the Knights garage sale held on July 27th. In thanksgiving the Knights donated \$500 to the Council in recognition of our work.

8. President's Report: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly reported that she was unable to attend the meeting in person because she had been in close contact with a

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Family member who had COVID. She is isolating. She thanked Donna Guiney and Mary Lou Hills for their assistance in setting up the meeting in the hall.

9. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Spiritual Development: (Liz Guiney)

Liz directed her report to National's theme of "Catholic and Living It! She suggested that members look at St. Catherine's Zoom meeting re the Prodigal Son. She said that she would end the meeting asking us to recite the Apostles Creed.

B. Christian Family Life: (Suzanne MacDonald)

Suzanne was asking for approval to purchase Baptismal miraculous medal. The Blessed Mother is depicted on the medal and would be enclosed with the Baptismal certificate. The cost of the medal – for 15 – would be \$22.00 plus shipping. She is purchasing them through Amazon and they will be shipped from Italy. It was suggested that she purchase 100 medals. She is also looking at special prayer cards – with a picture of a Guardian Angel on them. It was pointed out that she already has a budget of \$100. She could order them as well since a donation has been made to cover the cost of the medals.

C. Communications: (Margaret Wilson) - No Report

D. Education: (Deb McKee) - No Report

E. Health: (Shirley McDonald) - No Report

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

A. Fundscrip/Fundraising: (Danna Dobson)

Danna will prepare a blurb regarding this and will present it to Father for his approval.

B. Snowflake Bazaar: (Kelly Neville/Mary Lou Hills)

Father has approved the change in date, from Nov. 19th to Nov. 26th – Kelly and Mary Lou will be attending a Diocesan Development Day on the 19th to discuss changes in the organizational structure of The Catholic Women's League. Operating time will be 9 am – 2pm and we will offer Children's Activities this year, a raffle of 3 items, pie table, bake table and Christmas table. Gail Raymond said that she would consult with a friend on the possibility of having a clown.

C. Parish Prayer Book: (Donna Guiney)

Father has signed off on the selected prayers and Andrea Glover and Donna are preparing it for publication.

D. Helen Henderson Birthday Cake: (Gail Raymond/Deb McKee)

A cake was ordered from Costco for approximately 40 people and picked up on August 29th. Donna Guiney delivered the cake on the 30th of August. Cost was \$25.00. Icing was multicolour birthday candles with the inscription "Courtesy of Blessed Sacrament CWL".

E. Funeral Luncheon: (Donna Guiney)

Donna thanked all those responsible for assisting in the preparations and serving of the funeral luncheon for Helen Hanley.

F. Per Capita Fee Increase (Executive):

It was suggested by Danna Dobson, that we earmark the \$500 donation from the Knights of Columbus to offset the rise in fees (\$12.00) starting January 1, 2023. Our Council's membership would remain at \$25.00 for this year. Secretary to mail the memo concerning the raise in fees to members without email addresses. We are also asking that members suggest ways that we go forward in the next years to address this issue.

11. Other Correspondence: (Margaret Wilson)

Read Thank You note from Mary Lou Hills re awarding of her Maple Leaf pin.

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12. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Liz Guiney led us in praying the Apostles Creed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Dates to note:

- **Welcome to Blessed Sacrament Parish gathering: Sept. 24th /Sept. 25th**
- **Life Chain- Sunday, October 2, 2022**
- **Parish Big Breakfast: October 16,2022**
- **All Presidents Meeting: October 22, 2022**
- **Diocesan Development Day: November 19, 2022**
- **Snowflake Bazaar: November 26, 2022**
- **Parish and CWL Potluck supper: December 14, 2022**
- **All Presidents Meeting: February 2023**
- **Diocesan CWL Retreat: March 2023**
- **Diocesan 101st Annual Meeting and Convention – May 6-7, 2023**

Meetings 2022: October 11, November 8, December 13