



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

February 11, 2020 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: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Bernadette Veitch, Liz Guiney, Theresa Shanks, Barbara Larmondin, Mary Garrah, Catherine Lattanzio, Margaret Barker, Sue MacDonald, Betty Hutcheson, Gail Northcott, Anne Nicholls, Barbara Ann Richard, Mary Lou Hills, Sarah McParland, Sue Aubin, Margaret Wilson. Danna Dobson attended the meeting remotely.

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed new members. Danna Dobson connected remotely from Hawaii.

2. Opening Prayer (Bernadette Veitch)

Bernadette led in the League Prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Kelly Neville to approve the agenda of the general meeting of February 11, 2020 as amended. **Seconded** by Danna Dobson. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Mary Lou Hills to approve the minutes of the general meeting of January 14, 2020 as amended. **Seconded** by Margaret Wilson. **Carried.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

In Father Shea's absence, Donna provided information about the *World Day of Prayer for the Sick* and prayers were recited.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

a) Following a revision to the 2019 charitable donation list from the January Annual General Meeting, a motion was made to approve the list and add it to the 2019 AGM booklet.

MOVED by Danna Dobson to approve the revised 2019 charitable donation list for the 2019 annual general report booklet. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

b) The proposed 2020 budget was circulated. This is a conservative budget, not very different from the 2019 budget. A negative balance is projected, however in light of the fact that we have a healthy bank balance at this time, this would be acceptable in order to continue to meet our responsibilities this year.

MOVED by Bernadette Veitch to approve the proposed 2020 budget. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

c) A preliminary 2020 Donation/Charity List was circulated. There was discussion about which charities we would like to support. It was agreed to support the Hope Fund, which is due in March. Members were asked to take the form home and fill in the rest of the amounts with their own preferences. The forms should be returned to the parish office by March 1. Danna will use this as a guide to develop the Donations portion of the budget.

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MOVED by Bernadette Veitch to allocate \$200.00 to the Hope Fund in 2020. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville.
Carried.

7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Margaret reported that there were 45 paid members to date. The Earlybird draw was held and Ann Leclair won a paid membership for 2020.

8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

No report. Mary Lou will be passing on information regarding the new Strategic Plan.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- a) Donna congratulated the executive on their hard work.
- b) There will be a Day of Reflection presented by the Kingston Diocesan Council held at the Providence Spirituality Centre (Heathfield) on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The cost is \$20.00 (includes lunch). Registration is due by March 9th. Interested persons should contact Mary Lou or Donna to register.

Standing Committee Reports

Donna thanked outgoing Standing Committee Chairs and welcomed new Chairpersons. The duties of each Standing Committee were reviewed.

10. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Bernadette Veitch)

- a) Bernadette shared two self-help books: *Rediscover the Saints* (by Mark Kelly) and *Total Consecration* (by Hugh Gillespie).
- b) *Our Lady Of Lourdes Prayer for Healing* cards were distributed.
- c) Theresa Shanks reported on a meeting that she and Carol Daigle attended for the World Day of Prayer to be held on March 6th at St. Andrews by the Lake church on Front Road.
- d) April 26th is feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Bernadette will organize something for this.
- e) Crowning of the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Mother's Day. Anyone who is present is invited to join the procession.

11. Education (Sarah Knill-McParland)

Sarah will reach out to OLMC school and connect with them about upcoming events.

12. Health (Bev Lyman)

No report.

13. Communications (Barbara Ann Richard)

No report.

14. Legislation/Resolutions (Danna Dobson)

No report.

15. Other Reports

Project Homeland – Donna asked for support to move forward with this collection again this year and members agreed to assist with donations.

Archdiocesan Events (Donna Guiney)

16. Diocesan Retreat will be held on March 28, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes church.

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17. St. Joseph's Day on March 19, 2020 to be held at St. Joseph's Church in Kingston.

Old Business

There was continuation of the discussion from January's meeting regarding our council paying the membership fee for members who are in nursing homes.

MOVED by Mary Garrah to waive membership fees in 2020 for three members who reside in nursing homes. The membership fee will be paid by our council. **Seconded** by Anne Nichols. **Carried.**

New Business

18. Birthright Shower

Liz Guiney explained the shower to new members. This will be held at the April meeting.

19. Ash Wednesday Crosses

Purple crosses for Ash Wednesday will be available again this year at Lent.

Other

20. Correspondence (Barbara Ann Richard)

Barbara read messages received from the Kingston Street Mission, the Partners in Mission Food Bank and Noreen d'Eon.

21. CWL Anniversary

Mary Lou suggested we do something special for our upcoming 25th Anniversary. This will be discussed more at the next meeting and by the executive. Mary Lou and Donna will co-chair this event.

Donna reminded everyone of upcoming events as listed on the calendar.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Bernadette led in the Prayer for Vocations.

Meetings 2020: March 10 (*snow date March 12*), April 14, May 12, June 9 (potluck), September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 (potluck)