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CWL General Meeting

March 10, 2020 at 7:30 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, Mary Lou Hills, Danna Dobson, Sarah McParland, Mary Garrah, Anne Nichols, Gail Northcott, Margaret Barker, Theresa Shanks, Barbara Ann Richard, Catherine Lattanzio, Trish Nguyen, Susan Aubin, Father Shea.

New Standing Committee Chairs were installed at Mass.

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and thanked Barbara Richard for providing and help setting up refreshments.

2. Opening Prayer (Bernadette Veitch)

Bernadette led in the Hail Mary.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Sarah McParland to approve the agenda of the general meeting of March 10, 2020 as amended. **Seconded** by Susan Aubin. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Mary Lou Hills to approve the minutes of the general meeting of February 11, 2020 as amended. **Seconded** by Mary Garrah. **Carried.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Father Shea suggested a round table introduction of members for the benefit of new members. Father reminded everyone about upcoming Lenten observances (Holy Hours, Stations of the Cross). First Confessions are March 11, First Communion is May 2. March 19 is Feast of St. Joseph, with a full day of services and prayer hours at St. Joseph's church. Our parish now has a welcome book for parishioners with information about the parish. Mass of Christm is Tuesday before Easter at 10:30 am. Father thanked the CWL for all of their assistance.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

a) Danna presented an updated 2020 budget.

b) There were nine responses from membership regarding charities to be funded in 2020. Donations to the top six charities will total \$900.00, with \$300.00 remaining for later. Charities to be funded this year are:

- Hope Fund (\$200)
- Life After Loss (\$100)
- Martha's Table (\$200)
- Food Bank (\$200)
- Kingston Street Mission (\$100)
- Priests' Retirement Fund (\$100)

MOVED by Bernadette Veitch to approve the proposed list of charities for funding this year. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **Carried.**

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7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Processing of memberships by National is moving very slowly.

8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

No report.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- a) Donna attended the Diocesan President's meeting in February. An updated Diocesan Policy & Procedure manual is now available on the Diocesan website.
- b) Donna circulated a book – *Laudato Si'* - the Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis.
- c) Day of Reflection – there are seats still available. Day of Reflection is 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.
- d) The convention registration information is present on the Diocesan website. Donna has a few printed copies for those who do not have computers. Donna outlined the format of the convention. Registration is required by April 1st. Registration fees are covered by our council. Accredited Delegates have their full convention costs paid by our council. Registration forms and payment should be returned to Donna by March 25th.

MOVED by Sarah McParland to approve the payment of banquet costs for Father John Grainger. **Seconded** by Mary Lou Hills. **Carried.**

Standing Committee Reports

10. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Bernadette Veitch)

- a) Bernadette shared the reflection from the Second Sunday of Lent.
- b) Our Lady of Good Counsel is Sunday, April 26th. A picture of OLGC will be set up for Mass. Members are encouraged to attend that Mass and wear scarf. Gifts will be brought up by CWL members.

11. Organization (Kelly Neville)

Kelly sent around a list requesting volunteers for meeting setup.

12. Community Life (Barbara Larmondin)

No report.

13. Christian Family Life (Sue MacDonald)

No report.

14. Other Reports

Barbara Ann Richard presented her Communications report. She reminded everyone about the 100th Annual National Convention August 9-12 in Montreal. Barbara also gave an interesting perspective on communicating with people from an article by Doreen Gowan in the Canadian League Magazine, as well as information about conserving water and a national CWL initiative to assist an area in India that has experienced extreme flooding. Pornography Hurts postcards are available at the back of the church and everyone is encouraged to forward these to their MPs/MPPs.

Archdiocesan Events (Donna Guiney)

15. Diocesan Retreat will be held on March 28, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes church. See item 9(c) above.
16. St. Joseph's Day on March 19, 2020 is to be held at St. Joseph's Church in Kingston.

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17. Diocesan Convention / Tickets – Donna has one book of tickets left.

Old Business

18. 25th Anniversary (Mary Lou Hills/Donna Guiney)

National has asked each council to plant a tree to celebrate the CWL centenary. Diocesan has also asked that trees be planted to celebrate their upcoming anniversary. Our council is also celebrating 25 years. Mary Lou has been investigating the legalities of planting trees locally.

Donna mentioned that there will be a combined parish dinner in the fall to celebrate the triple anniversaries – parish, CWL and Knights of Columbus.

New Business

19. Birthright Shower April 14th (Sue MacDonald)

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

20. Bake Sale April 25th (Donna Guiney)

Theresa Shanks and Barbara Ann Richard are conveners for the Bake Sale. A volunteer list was circulated. Members will be phoned for baking donations.

21. Masses for the deceased / those who need prayers (Donna Guiney)

This is now a function of the Spiritual Development Chair (Bernadette Veitch). Members are asked to let Bernadette know about members who experience the death of a family member or a family member who is very ill and requires prayers.

22. World Day of Prayer Report (Theresa Shanks)

Theresa Shanks provided a short report on the World Day of Prayer held March 6th attended by several of our members. It was held at St. Andrew's by the Lake Church. This year the service was about the Women of Zimbabwe and the guest speaker was a woman from Zimbabwe who left Africa for political reasons. She and her husband now run group homes for homeless individuals suffering from mental illness. Next year's World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Paul the Apostle Church.

23. Project Homeland (Donna Guiney)

Collection for Project Homeland is currently underway.

Other

24. Correspondence (Barbara Ann Richard)

Barbara read a message of thanks received from the Whalen family.

25. Reaching Out... (Barbara Ann Richard)

Marg Beneteau sends cards to members in need/distress or those undergoing difficulties, the sick, anniversaries etc. Barbara will touch base with Margaret and assist her to provide cards to continue this task. Shirley will print additional cards.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m. Bernadette led in the Prayer for Vocations.

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