



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

October 8, 2019 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, Wendy MacIsaac, Susan Aubin, Anne Nicholls, Gail Northcott, Betty Hutcheson, Margaret Wilson, Ann Leclair, Mary Lou Hills, Margaret Barker, Shirley Jaynes, Sue MacDonald, Leslie Callaghan, Liz Guiney

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville absent)

In Kelly's absence, Fr. Shea led in the Prayer of St. Francis.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Mary Lou Hills to approve the agenda of the general meeting of October 8, 2019 with additions.
Seconded by Ann Leclair. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of September 10, 2019 as distributed. **Seconded** by Susan Aubin. **Carried.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

Fr. Shea spoke about Thanksgiving weekend and reminded everyone about Bible studies to start soon. Election day is October 21st.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson absent)

No report.

7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Nothing to report.

8. Past President Report (Mary Lou Hills)

Nothing to report.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- Donna thanked everyone who assisted with Signup Weekend and the recent funeral for one of our members.
- Donna shared thoughts on thankfulness and identifying things to be thankful for. Thanksgiving traditions were discussed, such as having everyone around the table identifying one thing they are thankful for.
- Information about *Rosary Coast to Coast* was circulated.
- A spiritual bouquet was circulated for Archbishop Mulhall, who recently lost his father.
- *A Life After Loss* Mass will be held on November 26th.
- Information was circulated about Farmtown Park in Stirling, Ontario.

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Standing Committee Reports

10. Spiritual Development & Reflection (Kelly Neville absent)

Kelly's report was presented by Liz Guiney and focused on our national theme, Care for our Common Home. Suggestions from Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter: *Laudato Si', mi' Signore (Praise be to you, my Lord)* were highlighted. These included recycling paper, planting trees and care for our sources of drinking water.

11. Organization (Kelly Neville - absent)

No report.

12. Christian Family Life (Jane Burke -absent)

No report.

13. Communications (Margaret Wilson)

Nothing to report.

14. Legislation (Danna Dobson - absent)

No report.

15. Resolutions (Danna Dobson - absent)

No report.

16. Other Reports

No other reports.

Archdiocesan Events

17. 2019 Development Day – October 19th (Donna Guiney)

This year's Diocesan Development Day will be held on October 19th at Our Lady of Lourdes church from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Donna encouraged everyone to attend.

Old Business

18. Snow Dates for Winter Months (Donna Guiney)

The following are alternate meeting dates for winter months: January 16, February 13, March 12.

19. Pie Making Bee – October 30th (Theresa Shanks - absent)

To be held after 9:30 am Mass on October 30th.

New Business

20. Correspondence (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret shared correspondence received from Rose Keates, Sr. Evelyn Emory, Kingston Street Mission and Donna Wright.

21. Snowflake Bazaar – November 16 (Mary Lou Hills)

The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16th. The poster has been finalized.

22. Elections

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Elections for Standing Committee Chairs will be held at the January meeting. Mary Lou will prepare letters to go out to members.

Other

23. Waste Reduction (Margaret Barker/Donna Guiney)

In Danna's absence, this is deferred to the November meeting.

24. Meeting on December 10th

Mass will be held at 5:45, potluck to follow.

25. Information on St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Fr. Shea will hold a special Mass on October 29th at 7:00 pm, followed by a presentation in the hall celebrating the 400th Anniversary of this Canadian saint who founded the Notre Dame Sisters.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Fr. Shea led in Hail Mary.

Meetings 2019: November 12, December 10 (potluck)

Meetings 2020: January 14 (*snow date January 16*), February 11 (*snow date February 13*), March 10 (*snow date March 12*), April 14, May 12, June 9