



Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

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Minutes of General Meeting of Tues., March 12, 2013 at Parish Hall, 7:00P.M.

Attendance: Mary Seifred, Margaret Wilson, Terri Godfrey, Marie Minifie Marg Beneteau, Anne Leclair, Carol Daigle, Teresa Horner, Andrea Glover, Bernadette Burgess Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Betty Hutcheson, Gail Northcott, Diane Raffael, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks

1. **Welcome & Call to order:** By President Shirley McDonald at 7:05 P.M.
2. **Opening Prayer** – Terri Godfrey led the League Prayer
Presentations: A Membership pin was presented to new member **Andrea Glover** by Donna Guiney; 10 year service pin was presented to **Gail Northcott** by Theresa Shanks; 25 year pin was presented to **Noreen D'Eon** by Shirley McDonald. Member, **Bernadette Burgess** will receive her 40 year service pin soon.
A thank you gift was given to **Margaret Wilson** –our dedicated Past -Treasurer.
It was noted that some **RHSJ sisters** will receive 10 year pins at a later date in summer.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held** Jan. 8/13 were distributed, read by members; motions to approve by Anne Leclair and Margaret Wilson.
4. **Spiritual Advisor's Report –not available at this time**
5. **Spiritual Development and Reflection – Donna Guiney**-Donna advised dates for Penance Celebration, Palm Sunday, 2013 Holy Week and the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. (also, see Bulletin) First Communion will be held on April 14th at 10:30AM. In April, we will have the Divine Mercy Novena (prayer cards were distributed).
Donna explained the Lenten Purple Cross pins and thanked Helen Hanley and the ladies who helped make them.
Donna introduced Bernadette Burgess, who explained "Catch the Fire" to our members.
(See attached outline of Bernadette's report)
6. **Treasurer's Report – Donna Guiney** reported CWL income and expenses for January and February, 2013. Statements were handed around for examination by members.
7. **Membership Report – President Shirley McDonald** read Kelly Neville's report stating that our council has 84 paid members to date.
President Shirley gave members the 2013 phone lists.
8. **Archdiocesan CWL Information-** **Mary Seifred** reported from the Feb. 16/13 CWL President's meeting with ideas for future conventions. Mary prepared a handout for our members to examine. We will not vote at this time on number of held Convention days.
9. **Old Business:**
9.1 Project Homeland-Donna Guiney explained the plan and advised she has received \$80.00 of donations and a half-full container of items to be mailed to 23 military personnel serving in Afghanistan. Our council proposed to give \$50 [for one Mass(\$20) and to buy items(\$30)]. Motion made by Mary Seifred and seconded by Teresa Horner. All in favor.



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9.2 Card & Game Night Report-President Shirley McDonald gave an informative report on this new parish social activity. The first night (Feb.19/13) was a rousing success and Shirley read the results of a survey taken that evening which provided proof. These social events will continue monthly, starting in April.

9.3 Funeral Luncheons & Policy Manual-President Shirley McDonald gave everyone a handout with regard to Funeral Lunches held in our parish hall. Information will be included in a new Policy Manual for our council. One correction will be made to **Procedure-#9-**“ If a CWL member dies and the funeral is held at Blessed Sacrament, there will be no fixed charge and a donation will be accepted from the family”motion for approval by Teresa Horner, seconded by Mary Seifred. Accepted.

9.4 Craft Group/Bazaar Christmas Shoppe Report: Theresa Shanks reported that the recent craft group was very rewarding-the ladies made items for the bazaar and had fun. Crafts will be continued in Autumn for a few sessions.

9.5 St. Linus Potluck-April 20-President Shirley McDonald asked for volunteers to help with the potluck. A sign up sheet was handed out. Set up will be discussed at our April general meeting. Information will be written in our bulletin.

10. Standing Committees: No reports this month.

11. New Business:

11.1 Correspondence-Margaret Beneteau read a thank you card from Eleanor Wagar. Shirley McDonald read a thank you note from Sister Hurley, RHSJ and her sisters.

11.2 Pennies for Pesos-Marie Minifie reported \$344.10 has been collected from our parish and OLMC school. A U.S. money order will be sent directly to Sister Ruest in San Jose de Ocoa when the campaign is completed.

11.3 CWL Archdiocesan Convention 2013-Shirley McDonald prepared convention information and registration paperwork from the Archdiocesan website and packages were available for members to pick up after this meeting. Registration fee of \$25 for each member will be paid by our council. Request to return forms to Shirley ASAP.

12. Other: Carol Daigle and Bernadette Burgess reported on their attendance at the World Day of Prayer held in Kingston and Odessa on March 1st featuring the Women of France. Speakers were a United Church minister from Kanata (Kingston) and Fr. Jack Grainger (Odessa). The day was impressive and enjoyed by both.

13. Adjournment: At 8:40PM, Closing Prayer – led by Pres.Shirley Prayer for the Holy Father.

Next Meeting: April 9 (Speaker on Euthanasia Prevention-Open to our Parishioners-General meeting to follow)
Future Meetings: May 14, June 11, September 1, October 8, November 12, December 10 (Christmas potluck)



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Catch the Fire

**Summary of
Presentation from Bernadette Burgess on March 12, 2013
At
Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
For
Blessed Sacrament CWL members**

Program was written by Betty Ann Brown Davidson (from Picton, ON) and three other ladies.

At the 2012 National Convention, Bernadette and another member from Kingston Archdiocese attended a Catch the Fire new leadership development training session and learned how to be facilitators and make possible the "Catch the Fire" course to Kingston Archdiocese C.W.L. members and anyone else.

Bernadette explained that by attending, you give a gift to yourself in the same way that her mother gave her the gift of a membership in the Catholic Women's League, when she was 16. That gift has been with her for 41 years.

For the next two years, some day long presentations at several churches in our Archdiocese area will happen.

Groups attending can be small or large.

Included in the curriculum, there will be a 19 minute video. The course is divided into twelve modules, using the metaphor of fire, e.g.- kindling, warmth, light....

There will also be activities, participation and spiritual moments for attendees.

There will be no charge.

The hosting church will provide some refreshments for breaks and people may bring a brown bag lunch.

There will be a gathering on April 20, 2013 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church and St. Joseph's will join them. We have to think about if we want to join that discussion or one at another church, e.g. Good Thief, or hold our own discussion, perhaps including St. Linus, Railton and Odessa. There were approximately 10 of our members interested in attending the course.

Members agreed to discuss the matter again at our April General Meeting.

Thank you to Bernadette for helping our members to understand this leadership program.