



**MINUTES**  
**CWL General Meeting**  
**November 12, 2013 after Liturgy of the Word at 7:27 PM**  
**Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario**

**Attended by:**

Kelly Neville, Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks, Donna Guiney, Teresa Horner, Margaret Beneteau, Eleanor Wagar, Marie Minifie, Carol Daigle, Danna Dobson, Andrea Glover, Cathy Splinter, Margaret Wilson, Bernadette Burgess, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah

<b>Executive Reports</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
1. Welcome and call meeting to order	Shirley McDonald
2. <b>Opening prayer</b> -League Prayer led by Teresa Horner	
3. <b>Approval of Minutes</b> from Oct. 8/13-one correction noted-motions to approve by Marie Minifie and Andrea Glover	Theresa Shanks Donna Guiney
4. <b>Spiritual Advisor's Report</b> :As November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, the Eternal Rest Prayer was said and the Book of Remembrance was passed around – to enter names of deceased loved ones.	Donna Guiney
5. <b>Spiritual Development &amp; Reflection</b> -Donna read stories of how people showed love and kindness to others.(No small meeting by Alan Cohen)	Donna Guiney
6. <b>Treasurer's Report</b> -Bank account has \$6,081.54-Donna read recent expenses.	Donna Guiney
7. <b>Membership Report</b> -Kelly is ready to take 2014 memberships at the December Potluck and every weekend Mass in January. She put forth a motion that anyone who gets their membership renewed or becomes a member before Jan. 26/13 gets entered into an Early Bird Draw-Prize(membership fee is returned to the member who wins). Cost to council-\$25.00. By doing this she hopes to cut down on letters sent after membership drive and save postage costs. Motion seconded by Marie Pemberton. Approved by all members.	Kelly Neville
8. <b>President's Report</b> :Archdiocesan CWL Information-President's Meeting Oct.26/13 2014 Provincial CWL focus-Social Justice 2014 Diocesan CWL focus-Mental Health The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of THE BLESSED VIRGIN Mary will be held on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 St. Mary's Cathedral-Eucharistic Celebration at 7:30pm. The CWL will be honoured on this evening. 2014 Convention tickets are available-must be sold by Feb. 28, 2014-our council has 9 books (10 tickets per book) to sell. Tickets are \$2.00 each. The 2014 Convention will be held May 3, 2014 and May 4, 2014.	Shirley McDonald
1) <b>Liability Insurance</b> : Shirley discussed the purchase of liability insurance for our council in case of a personal lawsuit against a member of our council. The insurance cost was previously covered by The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 2014, the Liability insurance will be paid for by the Kingston Diocesan council and in 2015, it is recommended that we purchase our own coverage at the price of \$0.60 per member-approx. \$51.00 annually, for our current 85 members. Motion that our Council pay this for our members on an annual basis made by Danna Dobson, seconded by Carol Daigle. Approved.	
2) <b>CWL Retreat</b> :at Our Lady of Lourdes-Nov. 23/13-not just for CWL members-any guest or non-Catholic member can attend.	
3) <b>Catch the Fire</b> : We will be joined by Railton CWL, on April 5, 2014-from 9:00AM to 3:30PM. Bernadette Burgess will be our Mentor for this session.	
4) <b>WRAP Campaign</b> -White ribbons were worn by our members in October. Shirley gave out postcards issued by National CWL, to show we are against Pornography and we will send these cards weekly or monthly, to Scott Reid, Government MP for our area.	



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**Old Business**

9.1 **Standing Committee Elections:** There were 32 nominations received for Shirley McDonald Standing Committee Chair positions. New representatives are as follows: Christian Family Life-Jane Burke; Community Life-Kelly Neville; Education-Eleanor Wagar; Communications-Carol Daigle; Health-Marie Pemberton; Resolutions and Legislation-Danna Dobson; Parish Activities-vacant.

Shirley thanked the former chairpersons and advised there will be a meeting held before the December Potluck to introduce new chairs into their positions. They will start their posts in January, 2014, for two years.

9.2 **Snowflake Bazaar of Nov. 2/13-**Shirley described the bazaar as "awesome"! Shirley McDonald  
She thanked everyone for their help and donations...income from all areas was up from previous years. Snowflake Bazaar Revenues:

Luncheon Room-\$386  
Bake Table-1248.25  
Christmas Shoppe-\$604.15  
Silent Auction-\$1341.00  
Raffles- \$381.00  
Total-\$3,960.40

Shirley asked for and received the following recommendations:

**SILENT AUCTION:**

- 1) Shut down Silent auction 10 minutes earlier than closing time to organize items for winners-suggestion by Marie Minifie
- 2) A lot of people didn't understand what a Silent Auction is and the Bazaar Greeter had to spend time explaining it-reported by Mary Garrah
- 3) Perhaps a sign could be put at the S.A. entrance clarifying this type of sale-suggestion by Marie Minifie
- 4) Two entrances to the S.A. would help people get around in a better way-suggestion by Mary Garrah

**BAKE TABLE:** No improvements necessary-All pies were sold-Shirley advised we will have a mini bake sale soon to sell some donated baked goods.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPE:** No improvements necessary-Theresa advised there will be items from the Shoppe on sale after weekend Masses at the Rel. Art. Cabinet.

**LUNCHEON ROOM:** No improvements necessary-All surplus sandwiches were packaged and sold after weekend Masses.

**KIDDIES:** Giving free bags of goodies and candy canes to kiddies as they entered was a success.

**SANTA:** Could we look into having Santa appear at our Bazaar? Suggestion by Donna Guiney

**PLACES TO SPEND CWL FUNDS AS SUGGESTED BY MEMBERS:**

**LIFE AFTER LOSS:** \$100

**BABY CHANGE TABLE:** \$211

**TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR PARISH HALL:** (SOME PRICE QUOTATIONS-COSTCO 21 TABLES FOR \$2700)(100 CHAIRS FOR \$1300)(MORE ESTIMATES TO COME)(WE WILL DISCUSS SHARING COSTS OF TABLES AND CHAIRS WITH OUR K. OF C.)

**CARD TABLES (OURS ARE 30 YRS OLD)**

**ROUND TABLE FOR SMALL MEETINGS**

**WALLS FOR STORAGE SPACE IN HALL**

It was suggested that we keep a few tables and chairs to loan out, eg. Children's party in the park in Sept., OLMC functions, etc.

Mary Garrah suggested having a 50/50 draw at our Christmas Potluck and giving



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profit to Life after Loss Group.

**Application of Bazaar Proceeds 2013:** Give \$1500 to Blessed Sacrament Church-motion made by Mary Garrah, seconded by Noreen D'Eon.

Future Gifts: Change table attached to wall of new bathroom in church (\$211) and some new tables and chairs for parish hall-motion made by Marie Minifie, seconded by Cathy Splinter.

9.3 **Archdiocesan Youth Conference**-Shine Like the Son-Kelly was unable to attend due to a sprained ankle but contacted Nadia who advised the event went well and no donation was required from our council. Kelly Neville

9.4 **Speakers at General Meetings**-March 2014-Guest speaker from Birthright, Marie Sardinha, will speak at our March, 2014 meeting-Donna read a reference letter from Archbishop O'Brien, who speaks highly of her. It was suggested to have a baby shower that night-diapers and clothing were recommended items. Donna Guiney

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

10.1 Spiritual Development-Coat Drive-to be completed this weekend. Donna Guiney  
10.2 Organization-no report Shirley McDonald  
10.3 Christian Family Life-no report Theresa Shanks  
10.4 Community Life-Marie handed in her year end report for 2013. Marie Minifie

Marie read an article that she wrote about Sr. Joe, and submitted to the Journey newspaper, but not printed yet. She thanked our CWL for their help and contributions to Pennies for Pesos.

10.5 Education-Kelly reported on Best Foot Forward Environmental Education Conference., held Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, at RND, for teachers and elementary school students. Kelly Neville

10.6 Health-no report Shirley McDonald  
10.7 Communications-no report Shirley McDonald  
10.8 Parish Activities-Margaret reported on activities from Summer to November-card nights, craft gatherings, Oktoberfest, Snowflake Bazaar, Coat Drive, and CWL retreat.(Next card night will be Nov. 19, 2013) Margaret Wilson

#### **New Business**

11.1 **Correspondence**-Cards were received by our CWL and read by Shirley from Sr. Sheila Bose, Mary Seifred, and Sally MacInnes. Marg Beneteau

#### **Other**

Members were asked to note that on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, before our Christmas Potluck, there will be Mass said at 5:00 PM by Fr. Stan.

Marie Minifie made a motion to donate \$300 to assist the people of the Phillipines due to Typhoon Haiyan, which happened on Friday, Nov. 8, 2013. We will send our donation through Development and Peace and the Government of Canada will match it with another \$300. Seconded by Margaret Wilson

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment**- Prayer for Vocations was said. Meeting closed at 8:55PM.

**Next Meeting:** December 10 (Christmas Potluck)

**Future Meetings:** Jan. 14/14, Feb. 11/14, March 11/14,  
Apr. 8/14, May 13/14 (Potluck), June 10/14