



Minutes

CWL General Meeting

October 8, 2013 after Liturgy of the Word at 7:00 PM
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

In Attendance: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Theresa Shanks, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Diane Raffael, Maureen Birdsell, Marie Minifie, Cathy Splinter, Margaret Wilson, Andrea Glover

Executive Reports	Presenter
1. Welcome and call meeting to order-at 7:20PM	Shirley McD
2. League Prayer led by Andrea Glover	
3. Minutes read - approved by all; acceptance motion by Margaret Wilson; seconded by Noreen D'Eon	Theresa Shanks
4. Spiritual Development & Reflection -Donna read a poem called God's Boxes about counting your joyful blessing and letting go of sorrows in your life. Donna handed out rosaries blessed by Deacon Gervais, to honor Marian month. Donna advised in October, there were only 5 people at First Friday Adoration of the Eucharist, including Deacon Gervais. Perhaps more will attend in November.	Donna Guiney
5. Treasurer Donna reported our August bank balance was \$2,283.28 and the bank Balance today is \$2814.34.	Donna Guiney
6. Membership Report -Kelly reported we have 85 new and renewed members, 1 deceased member, 10 unpaid members	Kelly Neville
7. Archdiocesan Report -no report from Shirley McDonald at this time	

Old Business

8.1 Policy Manual Update:

Shirley McDonald discussed the policy on Milestone awards-pins, etc. Margaret Wilson asked if transfers to our council bring their years of service with them and the answer was Yes. This policy accepted by all members. Carried.

RE: Recognition awards (Maple Leaf pin, Awards, Non-member Awards). Any member can nominate a person. Our executive will approve all nominations for recognition awards for members and non –members. The wording with regard to the Maple Leaf pin for outstanding service was discussed and it was noted that the criteria for receipt of this pin should be made clear. This policy was approved by all members. Carried.

RE: Spiritual Support-Cards and Masses. Deceased grandchildren of members will be added to receipt of Masses. This was approved by all members. Carried.

8.2 November Elections: Shirley McDonald has prepared a letter, nomination form and outline of our Standing Committees to be mailed to all members. They are requested to vote by Sunday, Nov. 3, 2013 and can return their nomination forms to a collection box in the church vestibule.

Shirley explained that Spiritual Development and Organization are not included in the election. It was suggested that perhaps two members could chair a committee.

8.3 Snowflake Bazaar-Shirley McDonald informed members that **publicity** is done. **Raffles tickets** are selling well at Masses (Quilt and Pamper Me and Evening Out baskets)

Hall set up will take place Oct. 30th after Mass. Margaret Wilson notified that she will need 14 card tables for the Luncheon Room.

Four Plastic 8x4 lattice panels have been purchased to place between posts in parish hall.

Flyers will be handed out Thanksgiving weekend-Sat. night Mass-Margaret Wilson will co-ordinate; Sun. AM Mass-Cathy Splinter will co-ordinate.

Marie Minifie informed that Bev Lyman and Teresa Horner and Gord McDonald will assist her with the **Silent Auction** prep and set up.

Cathy Splinter and Margaret Wilson need volunteers for the **Luncheon Room**. Margaret contacted OLMC school for helpers for serving in the **Luncheon Room**.



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Kelly Neville needs volunteers for the **Bake Table**-Friday night and Saturday.

Theresa Shanks has three volunteers to date, for the **Christmas Shoppe**.

A Children's area was discussed-perhaps a Christmas Tree with candy canes near the entrance??

8.4 Craft Group-Theresa Shanks reports there were two wrap up craft session on Sept. 17th and Sept. 24th. Crafts are priced and ready to go to the bazaar.

8.5 Pie Making Oct. 2, 2013-Theresa Shanks informed there were seven members who helped prepare 43 pies in less than 3 hours. Pies are frozen and ready for sale at the bazaar at a price of \$9.00 each. Theresa thanked the helping pie ladies.

8.6 Religious Articles Cabinet-Theresa Shanks stated we have three new Sunday volunteers-Kelly Neville, Mary Grace Amann and Bernadette Veitch.

Standing Committee Reports

9.1 Spiritual Development-Donna Guiney will arrange the annual Coat Drive.

9.2 Organization-No report

9.3 Christian Family Life-Theresa Shanks gave a handout to members on "The Definition of Marriage" – a position paper from CWL National.

9.4 Community Life-No report

9.5 Education-No report

9.6 Health-Shirley McDonald read current information on assisted suicide e.g. prominent doctor in Toronto, Dr. Donald Low, who recently died from a terminal brain tumour and promoted doctor assisted suicide before his death. Please pray for the Sanctity of Life.

9.7 Communications-Shirley McDonald suggested articles sent to the BeLeague newsletter could be with regard to our November Bazaar and the May Food Blitz

9.8 Parish Activities-no report

Archdiocesan Events

10.1 Archdiocesan Youth Conference-Shine Like the Son, Oct. 19, 2013-Kelly Neville said our members previously made a motion to donate money to help this event. The conference has a budget so perhaps if they have a shortfall, we could help them financially. K of C Grand Knight Vic Pemberton will contact Nadia with regard to any youth attending from Blessed Sacrament Church. Fee is \$10, which would be paid by the K of C.

10.2 Shirley McDonald promoted the Healthy and Faithful Event-Oct. 19th at St. Joseph's church. A poster will be placed in back of our church and interested ladies will contact St. Joseph's for reservations.

10.3 W.R.A.P.-Theresa Shanks handed out white lapel ribbons to wear during October to support the fight against pornography. Forms to send to Parliament will be included in the Oct. League magazine.

New Business

11.1 New CWL Mass cards were passed around to members by Donna Guiney for examination.

11.2 Correspondence-Shirley McDonald read Thank You cards from Marg Beneteau, in the loss of her sister, Pat, and from Betty Gervais, in the loss of husband, Rudy.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment-Prayer for the Holy Father. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Next Meeting: November 12 2013 **Future Meetings:** December 10 (Christmas Potluck), Jan. 14/14, Feb. 11/14, March 11/14, Apr. 8/14, May 13/14 (Potluck), June 10/14