



Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Minutes of General Meeting of Tuesday Jan. 14, 2014 at Parish Hall, after 7:00P.M.Liturgy of the Word

Attendance: Kelly Neville, Maureen Birdsell, Margaret Wilson, Eleanor Wagar, Teresa Horner, Danna Dobson, Carol Daigle, Andrea Glover, Helen Hanley, Noreen D'Eon, Marie Pemberton, Diane Raffael, Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks

- 1-2 Welcome & call to order by Shirley McDonald at 7:35 PM-Prayer for the Holy Father led by Margaret Wilson
3. **The minutes of November 12, 2013**, were distributed, read, one correction noted in Section 9.2-motion to approve by Danna Dobson, seconded by Noreen D'Eon.
4. **Spiritual Development and Reflection – Donna Guiney** advised upcoming dates: Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2, 2014; Feast of St. Blaise Feb. 3, 2014; Ash Wednesday March 5, 2014; Palm Sunday April 13, 2014. Donna also informed our members of workshops taking place in some parishes and they are explained in our weekly bulletin. The Catholic Update was passed around. Donna read a reflection –How heavy is your glass of water? We also received a commemorative Pope Francis prayer card.
5. **Treasurer's Report – Donna Guiney** handed around her report showing December, 2013 deposits and withdrawals and advised that the present bank balance is: \$3652.43
- 6 **Membership Report – Kelly Neville** reported she has received 40 paid renewal and has 11 complimentary memberships for a total of 51 renewed members-so far, no transfers or new members. She will hold the free membership early bird draw at our February meeting.
7. **President Report/Correspondence – Shirley McDonald** recommended a Holy Week & Triduum workshop to be held in Belleville, ON, Jan. 18th and at O.L.O.L. in Kingston, Jan. 25th for interested CWL members. Register by Jan. 15th.
Shirley read thank you card from Sally McInnis; a letter from Birthright requesting donation; a letter from St. Joseph's oratory in Montreal, with a novena prayer to St. Joseph and an invitation to visit the oratory. **Carol Daigle** read cards from Sister Hurley, Anne Leclair, Marg Beneteau and Elaine Marshall.
8. **New Business: Budget 2014**-Shirley McDonald explained to new members that at this meeting, the 2014 budget receives approval for annual donations.
Approved 2014 Donations/Expenditures:
Assistance Fund.....\$500. [unused portion will be rolled into the next year's allotment]
Hope Fund..... \$300.
Birthright..... \$300.
Food Bank..... \$300.
Pennies for Pesos.... \$200.
Project Homeland.....\$0. [will approve the amount needed in March]
Birthday Masses.....\$240.
Disaster Relief.....\$300. [if needed]
Vac. Bible School.....\$300.
School Graduation... \$300.
Life after loss.....\$100.
Local Charity..... \$300 [charity to be determined]
Helen Hanley explained the Hope Fund-funds dispersed once a year at the CWL convention in May, on approval from the Archdiocesan CWL, to help someone in need.
It was moved that the annual standing donations/expenditures totaling \$3,140. be allocated as reported in the minutes. Motion:Shirley McDonald Motion agreed to and carried.



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9. Old Business:

9.1 Policy Manual: Two new policies have been added – Snowflake Bazaar and Standing Committee – Education. A manual is kept in our cabinet and the policies are now on the church website.

9.2 Sister Joe's Presentation: Shirley will arrange to present Sister Joe the Maple Leaf Pin in February. Members who wish to attend will let Shirley know.

9.3 Bazaar Profit Spending-Change table -A motion was made by Shirley McDonald and seconded by Andrea Glover- to allow a maximum spending of \$300. to purchase and install a change table in the new church washroom (recently installed for a price of \$269.75).

Parish Hall Chairs: Shirley McDonald priced chairs for our parish hall at Costco (\$47ea) and Canadian Tire (\$15ea).

50 old chairs will be replaced by new ones. Maureen Bridsell will get info from Railton church on their recent purchase of new tables and chairs for their hall. Helen Hanley offered to get information as well. Shirley will organize a committee to look after the purchase of these chairs.

9.4 Report from CWL Retreat Nov. 23/13-Theresa Shanks read a report on the wonderful retreat attended by six members.

9.5 Craft Group 2014 – Theresa Shanks advised the craft group will start when weather is a little better. She will advise dates at February meeting.

10. CPR – Marie Pemberton discussed having a CPR course held in our parish hall for CWL members, KofC members and parishioners. The majority of members were interested and Marie and Danna Dobson will obtain more information regarding instructor and cost. Majority were interested. The CWL and KofC will perhaps co-chair and co-fund this. More info to follow at our February meeting.

11. Archdiocesan Events: Shirley advised the Convention will be held May 3rd and 4th. She has tickets to sell by Feb. 28/14. She will receive Convention information and forms after the CWL President's meeting in February.

12. Other:

12.1 Allowance for local charity-Kelly Neville as Community Life Chair would like our CWL to give \$300 to a local charity. Maureen Bridsell mentioned "In from the cold"-a Kingston shelter for the homeless at 428 Queen Street, Kingston, ON. Maureen advised they always need soaps and shampoo and it was suggested that a box be placed at the back of the church to collect these items. She also recommended collecting clothing for St. Vincent De Paul.

We will likely start allocating this money in September or October.

12.2 2014 Dates: Members received a list of dates and activities for 2014 for our CWL.

12.3 Criteria for Gr. 8 Grad gifts-Research will be made by Eleanor Wagar (Education Standing Committee) with regard to the criteria for this gift. A policy for this will be included in our new Policy Manual.

13. Adjournment: Shirley McDonald closed our meeting with the League Prayer at 8:35PM.

Future Meetings: February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13 Potluck, June 10, September 9 October 14, November 11, December 9 Potluck