



# MINUTES-March 11, 2014 CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, March 11 2014 After 7:00PM Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Gervais

**LOCATION:** Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview at 7:25P.M.  
**Attending:** Marie Sardinha, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Theresa Shanks, Margaret Wilson, Mary Seifred, Mary Lou Hills, Marie Minifie, Carol Daigle, Marg Beneteau, Joyce O'Connor, Noreen D'Eon, Mary Garrah, Marie Pemberton, Diane Raffael, Betty Hutcheson

#	Executive Reports	Presenter
1.	Marie Pemberton led members with the League Prayer. Shirley McDonald welcomed guest speaker from Birthright, Marie Sardinha (see attached )	Shirley McDonald
2.	Meeting was called to order at approx. 8:05PM	Shirley McDonald
3.	Approval of Feb.11/14Minutes -passed around to members, read, one correction made -motion to approve-Marie Minifie; seconded by Kelly Neville, all in favor, carried.	Theresa Shanks
4.	Treasurer's Report-At March 4/14, bank balance is \$3,942.49. The monthly Bank Reconciliation report was handed around to members for perusal.	Theresa Shanks
5.	Membership Report- 78 members to date. 2014 Phone List ready in April.	Kelly Neville
6.	Archdiocesan CWL Information-1) Convention –several members have registered. Invites to Fr. Stan, Deacon Gervais and wife Ellen for Sunday banquet. 2)Mental Health-Danna Dobson to provide information on projects and perhaps arrange for a guest speaker. Fr. Stan suggests subjects; guest speakers or videos on as follows: 1)Depression 2)Bereavement Depression 3)Alzheimers Marie Pemberton will check with a friend who works for Community Mental Health who could be our guest speaker in June. Mary Lou Hills will phone a contact with the Alzheimers Society of KFL&A 3) Catch the Fire-Apr. 5/14- Sheets passed around- Set Up and Sign Up.	Shirley McDonald
7.	<b>Old Business:</b> 7.1 Sr. Mary Joe's presentation of the Maple Leaf Pin Mar 11/14-attended by Shirley McDonald, Marie Minifie, Mary Seifred, Kelly Neville, Mary Grace & Joe Amann-Pictures will be sent to The Journey and the National League magazine and Marie will make a framed collage for our CWL cabinet. 7.2 World Day of Prayer Mar 7/14 Report-celebration written by the Women of Egypt-Theresa outlined the service and passed around a photo of Carol and Theresa,dressed as Egyptian women. 7.3 CPR Course Mar 29/14-Marie Pemberton advised that the instructor will bring mats(to be informed # to bring) and will require a white board to write on.	Shirley McDonald Theresa Shanks
8.	<b>Standing Committee Reports:</b> 8.1 Community Life-HHCC Birthday party will be held on August 28 2014 8.2 Education- Shirley McDonald read Eleanor's report with information on Catholic Schools and guidelines for the Gr. 8 student award given by our CWL	Kelly Neville Eleanor Wagar
9.	<b>New Business:</b> 9.1 Policy Manual Update-Grade 8 Grad Gifts-Draft was handed out; revisions; suggestions discussed-final writeup and vote -at April general meeting. 9.2 Easter Seals Telethon-Apr. 13/14 from 12-4PM-Kelly will be on phone for 50 minute segment-CWL councils will be asked to phone in pledges for this cause.	Shirley McDonald Kelly Neville
10.	<b>Closing Prayer and Adjournment</b> -Margaret Beneteau led a prayer for Pope Francis-meeting adjourned before 9:00PM	

Next Meetings: April 8/14; May 13/14 (Potluck); June 10/14



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**Report on Talk on Birthright by Marie Sardinha at Blessed Sacrament CWL General Meeting held March 11, 2014**

Introduced by Shirley McDonald at 7:25 P.M.

Ms. Sardinha was happy to join our members and parishioners to speak about her part as a volunteer with Birthright, an organization serving Kingston since 1971, providing caring, loving, non-judgmental support to women and girls who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. All Birthright services are free and confidential. Birthright services are available to women of any age, race, creed, economic or marital status.

She talked about Birthright's need to advertise more and how they are presently buying into social media advertising. In order to pay for this promotion she asked us to help fundraise- by selling little pins, or filling small baby bottles with money. It was suggested that she could bring a larger baby bottle to the CWL Convention in May and ask for donations there. We also suggested having a booth at our Snowflake Bazaar this year.

Birthright needs \$18,000 annually to stay open – costs are rent, insurance, phone and yellow pages advertisement and brochures. They are funded strictly by charitable donations.

At the end of her dialogue, she was presented with a cheque from our council and a number of donated baby items for the moms and their babies. She gave us a heartfelt thank you.