



# MINUTES CWL General Meeting

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, October 13, 2015

**LOCATION:** Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, Amherstview, Ontario

**In Attendance:** Shirley McDonald, Theresa Shanks, Donna Guiney, Ann Leclair, Bernadette Burgess, Mary Garrah, Susan Aubin, Patricia Hoobin, Bernadette Veitch, Carol Daigle, Mary Lou Hills, Kelly Neville, Margaret Wilson

#	Executive Reports	Presenter
1.	Welcome and call of meeting to order	Bernadette Veitch
2.	Opening prayer:	Donna Guiney
3.	Speaker : Discernment	Bernadette Burgess
4.	A motion to approve the September 8, 2015 minutes was made by Ann Leclair, seconded by Susan Aubin	Mary Lou Hills
5.	Spiritual Advisor's Report: Homily at evening Mass.	Donna Guiney
6.	Treasurer's Report: Kelly presented the treasurer's report later in the meeting. Balance on hand as of September 08, 2015 is \$1746.93. Council was reimbursed for expenditures related to the May Diocesan Convention. Mary Garrah moved that the income of 44.00 dollars from the Wellness Fair be given to our foster family. Theresa Shanks seconded the motion.	Kelly Neville
7.	Membership Report: National CWL's membership drive begins October 15. Cheques can be postdated to January 31 <sup>st</sup> . Memberships will be taken at Christmas Pot Luck. A member of the council will be present before and after Masses in January. Cash or cheque will be accepted. Members can also place dues in the collection basket at church in an envelope marked CWL membership. Alternatively members can place it in an envelope and give to Donna Guiney at the church office. Cost of membership remains at \$25.00.	Carol Daigle
8.	President's Report: Bernadette will attend the Diocesan President's meeting on October 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Bernadette Veitch
9.	Past President's Report: Elections for Committee Chairs will take place at the meeting on November 10, 2015. 43 of our 80 members are eligible for election. Jane Burke will stay on as Committee Chair for Christian Family Life, Danna Dobson will continue to take on the dual committees of Legislation and Resolutions. Shirley will be mailing a list of eligible members to all members and a form requesting nominations to the various committees.	Shirley McDonald
10.	<b>Old Business</b>	
	10.1 Wellness Fair: Report attached. It was felt by the committee and the presenters that the day was a success and we will continue to hold another Wellness Fair. Shirley sent a summary of the day to the BeLeague magazine as well as a report to the diocesan newspaper "Journey". In summary we had 11 exhibitors with 7 manned booths. We had 12 visitors and six committee members. Door prizes were awarded by the exhibitors. Cost was 2.00, council members provided healthy snacks. We made 44.00.	Shirley McDonald
	10.2. Foster Family: A total of 277.75 dollars has been provided to the family that since December 2014 when the family's circumstances were brought to our attention. Gift cards to Foodland and Shoppers have also been presented. Since the major breadwinner only works 28 hours a week we will continue to assist the family. A special box for donations is being provided at each general meeting as well as at the Pot Luck dinners in December and May.	Donna Guiney



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- 10.3 Snowflake Bazaar: Raffle booklets are available: \$100.00 sold to date. Basket valued at \$70.00. Ken Angers is seeking items for the Silent Auction. Promotion for the bazaar will begin the second week in October and the bazaar posters will begin to appear the weekend of October 24/25<sup>th</sup>. Phone calls will be made. Greeters are in place. Shirley McDonald
- 10.4 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: On the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will sponsor another community breakfast. At this time the parish will honour the CWL. Members will be issued separate coloured tickets for which there is no cost. However, our guests will have to pay. Bernadette Veitch
- 10.5 Operation Homeland: Report attached. Parcel was delivered the first week in April and was given to the Regimental Sergeant Major. Parcels were sent to several locations where our Regimental soldiers were deployed. These locations did not have the luxury of the American PX system so they were very much appreciated. The Regiment thanks the Parish for their generosity and prayers. Donna Guiney

## 11. Standing Committees Reports

- 11.1 Spiritual Development: Donna continues to spearhead the annual winter coat drive. Coats and jackets should be gently used clean and should be washable. Donna Guiney
- 11.2 Christian Family Life: No report available.
- 11.3. Organization: President's meeting will be held at the Diocesan Centre on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Shirley McDonald
- 11.4 Community Life: Andre Mister wondered if we would be willing to sell Missions in Canada calendars. It was suggested that she have a booth at the Snowflake Bazaar Kelly Neville
- 11.5 Education: No report available.
- 11.6 Communications: The annual CWL Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Remembrance Day service at St. Mary's Cemetery at 1:45. On November 13<sup>th</sup> there will be the annual Liturgical Conference at the Providence Spirituality Centre conducted by Fr. John Hibbard. The focus will be on the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Launch of our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations with a cake at the next general meeting. White Ribbon campaign is March. Instead of white ribbons we are to send postcards to our members of parliament. Theresa Shanks has generously made white ribbon lapel pins for members of the parish and these will be available in the church vestibule. Bernadette Veitch
- 11.7 Health: Updated council re Wellness Fair Shirley McDonald
- 11.8 Resolutions and Legislation: no report at this time.

## 12. New Business:

- 12.1 Correspondence: Carol read several cards of thanks. Carol Daigle
- 12.2 Syrian Refugees: members were invited to attend a meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday, October 12, 7:00 to hear the Anglican/Catholic Coordinator for Syrian refugee settlement in Canada. We were reminded that any monies donated will remain in the community to assist in refugee resettlement in Kingston. Mary Lou Hills

## 13. Adjournment

Closing prayer was the prayer for our diocesan partner, St. Denis in Athens. Bernadette Veitch

**Next meeting is November 10, 2015**