



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls its members to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service.

Attendance by Zoom (6): Donna Guiney, Danna Dobson, Shirley McDonald, Kelly Neville, Margaret Barker, Sue MacDonald, Mary Grace Amann, Trish Nguyen, Susan Aubin, Margaret Wilson, Cathy Splinter, Liz Guiney

Regrets: Bernadette Veitch, Mary Lou Hills, Bev Lyman

A Quorum was achieved at this meeting.

Executive Reports

1. Welcome and call meeting to order (Donna Guiney)

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer (Kelly Neville)

Kelly led us in prayer.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Susan Aubin to approve the agenda of the general meeting of June 8, 2021 as amended. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of April 26, 2021 as distributed. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **CARRIED.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report

Donna read a report from Father Shea, announcing that we are now allowed masses at 15% capacity (70 people). There will again be three weekend masses at Blessed Sacrament: Saturday 5:15, Sunday 9:00, Sunday 11:00. Father wished us a good summer and thanked us for all we do for the parish.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

- An updated financial statement was provided prior to the meeting. The closing balance was \$3,829.26.
- There was discussion about the financial discussions and allocations to be minuted under the Community Life Committee rather than Treasurer. This will begin at the next meeting.
- A decision is needed to approve our annual Birthright donation of \$100.00 in lieu of a Birthright shower this year. It was agreed to approve this request at this meeting as we have a quorum.

MOVED by Danna Dobson to donate \$100.00 to Birthright this year. **Seconded** by Kelly Neville. **CARRIED**

7. Spiritual Development [provided by Bernadette Veitch]

We were asked to remember in prayer the indigenous children buried in the grounds of a Kamloops school as well as the Muslim family killed this week in London, Ontario:

Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

8. Membership Report

There were 64 members this year.

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9. Past President's Report (Mary Lou Hills)

The election materials will go out in November, 2021. Elections will be held in January, 2022.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Donna shared her report. She emphasized that we all have different gifts...together we have something wonderful to offer. Donna thanked everyone in the CWL for sharing their gifts.

10. Education Report (Sarah Knill-McParland)

There was only one graduation award this year.

New Business

11. Virtual Silent Auction October 3, 2021 (Shirley McDonald)

A second virtual silent auction is planned for October 3rd. Items will be collected over the summer and through September. We are looking for new, unused items to auction, deadline September 30th. Will be looking for volunteers in September. If we hold a live Bazaar, the silent auction winners could pick up their winning items at the Bazaar.

12. FundScrip Campaign (Danna Dobson)

It was suggested that we hold a FundScrip campaign this fall, in October. The gift card campaign would take place by October 15th, with cards available October 31st. There is the possibility of a second campaign in November.

13. Snowflake Bazaar November 13, 2021 (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley provided some pros and cons regarding holding a bazaar in a COVID environment. Suggestions from the health unit were shared. It was agreed to bring this to the September meeting for further discussion and decision-making. We might need to re-think how we do some things (e.g., instead of a tea room, provide takeout lunches).

Correspondence

Donna shared correspondence from Cecile Downey, the Hanley family, and Birthright Kingston.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Kelly led in a closing prayer.

Following the meeting, a social games evening was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Meetings 2021: September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14