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CWL General Meeting

March 9, 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 (10): Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Margaret Barker, Mary Lou Hills, Margaret Wilson, Sue MacDonald, Susan Aubin, Liz Guiney, Kelly Neville.

Attendance by Teleconference (0)

A quorum was NOT achieved at this meeting.

Executive Reports

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

Donna called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed everyone. A toast was made to our members.

2. Opening Prayer (Bernadette Veitch)

Donna Guiney led us in the prayer to St. Joseph.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Susan Aubin to approve the agenda of the general meeting of March 9, 2021 as distributed.
Seconded by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Shirley McDonald)

MOVED by Danna Dobson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of February 9, 2021 as distributed.
Seconded by Susan Aubin. **CARRIED.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report (Fr. Tim Shea)

There was no report from Father Shea.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

1. 2021 Donations

Based on the lengthy discussion and interest in allocation of donations at the February meeting, Danna proposed that discussions and decisions on donations be made each meeting, limiting the time to one organization at a time and considering any time sensitivity. Danna also noted that we would look to link with local service organizations or activities that "connect" with the CWL annual theme as a guide on which charities to support.

For this month, we need a decision on the Hope Fund. However, since we do not have a quorum at this meeting, we cannot approve at this meeting. An email will be sent out to the membership at large to affirm this.

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to donate \$200.00 to the Hope Fund this year. **Seconded** by Mary Lou Hills. This motion will be finalized once we hear back from membership via email.

UPDATE: Following email polling of members, this motion was **CARRIED.**

2. Budget Amendments

The donation to the church was increased to \$1,500.00 per last month's motion. February balance was \$6,234.08. Unavailable balance was \$1,835.00. We are still in a deficit budget situation and must be cautious with spending against the approved budget until we have more income.

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7. Membership Report (Margaret Barker)

Currently we have 58 paid members. Margaret has contacted everyone who has not paid their membership from last year and is hopeful that we will keep up our numbers. Margaret was congratulated on doing a great job.

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

Mary Lou's report will be in the newsletter. Diocesan is holding two online Stations of the Cross – March 11th at 10:30 am, "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors"; and March 24th at 7:00 pm, "Everyone's Way of the Cross". Information has been previously circulated by e-mail.

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

Donna noted that there is a newsletter on the provincial CWL site, and there are reports from the Kingston Diocesan Council as well as Blessed Sacrament Council. To view the newsletter:

https://www.cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/newsletter/2021_March_OnLineNewsletter.pdf.

Standing Committee Reports

1. Spiritual Development (Donna Guiney)

- The feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel is on Monday, April 26th. Father Shea will have a mass at 7:00 pm.
- The Divine Mercy chaplet will be held on April 11th.
- The 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care will be held in May.
- The Novena of St. Joseph begins March 10th, Donna has sent out information on this.
- Every Season has a Season – information has been sent out.
- Father Shea will be handing out information to reserve Holy Week assigned seating.

2. Resolutions (Danna Dobson)

Parliament has moved forward to propose amendments on Bill C-7 that will expand eligibility for medical assistance in dying, which now sits before the Senate. Information has been distributed prior to this meeting. Members are encouraged to send letters to MPs and Senators to continue to show disapproval for this bill. A sample letter has been shared.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Other

Correspondence (Donna Guiney)

Correspondence was reviewed:

- St. Joseph's Oratory – March 10-19, Novena of St. Joseph
- Father Shea – thanked CWL for commitment to our parish and community
- Buzz and Helen Hanley – gratitude and appreciation for support

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. Margaret Wilson led in the prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Meetings 2021: April 13, May 11, June 8, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14
