



MINUTES

CWL General Meeting

October 10th, 2023

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 in Hall: Fr. Americo Santos, Kelly Neville, Margaret Wilson, Susan Aubin, Andrea Glover, Gail Raymond, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls, Mary Myers

Regrets: Shirley McDonald, Suzanne MacDonald, Theresa Shanks, Donna Guiney, Liz Guiney, Danna Dobson

Meeting was held in church hall following Mass.

No Quorum was reached.

1. Welcome and call meeting to order: Kelly Neville

Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. – following Mass

2. Opening Prayer: Kelly led us in League Prayer

3. Spiritual Advisor's Report (Father Americo):

Father had questions concerning the Celebration of the Eucharist during the Christmas season. Christmas Day falls on a Monday thus he was wondering how the celebration worked.

4. Approval of the Agenda for the October 10th General meeting: (Kelly Neville)

MOVED by Gail Raymond and **SECONDED** by Sue Aubin that the agenda for the October 10, 2023 general meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2023 General Meeting: (Mary Lou Hills)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson that the minutes of the general meeting of September 12, 2023 be approved.
SECONDED by Andrea Glover

CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

No report as Danna was away.

7. Membership: (Shirley McDonald)

No report as Shirley was away.

8. President's Report: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly spoke on her visit to Rome. The highlight of the trip was meeting with Pope Francis. She would be speaking later in the meeting about the Helen Henderson Birthday Party

9. Past President Report: (Donna Guiney)

No report.

10. Communications: (Margaret Wilson)

Margaret received special thanks from the Harold Hepburn family to the CWL for the reception we held. Harold died on August 28th. Mary Lou received thank you notes from Sister Sheila and Rose Reid for their birthday cards and for their intentions at Mass.

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11. Standing Committee Reports:

There were no standing committee reports.

Old Business:

12. Garage and Bake Sale: Sept. 30th: (Mary Lou Hills)

Volunteers sold out all baked goods by noon. We netted \$479.00.

13. Helen Henderson Birthday Party: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly stated that we were the first volunteer agency to host a birthday party since COVID. Kelly had asked for volunteers to make 40 cupcakes. Theresa Shanks had created sign up sheets. Kelly reminded volunteer bakers that they needed to deliver them to the nursing home by 2:00 pm.

14. Snowflake Bazaar: (Kelly Neville)

Kelly stated that she would be the convenor for the Bazaar. Marie Minifie will create the posters. Danna would get them printed at Staples. Shirley will man the raffle table. Heather Proderick was looking after the pie table. Dates for pie making depended on the completion of the restrooms in the church hall. The 3 bathrooms are being renovated – curtesy of the Bingo fund. Donna Guiney stated that she would look after the Christmas Shoppe and Children's Activities. There was some discussion as to what we would be charging for the tea room. Children's Activities remain free. Mary Lou reported that she could not find the Ring Toss game she purchased last year. Gail Raymond stated she had a bean bag toss game and would set it up on Friday, the 17th.

15. Kitchen Clean Up: (Margaret Wilson for Cathy Splinter)

The dates that were listed in the minutes of the September 12th meeting had to be changed as the renovations to the hall are delayed and would not be completed in time. They have assured us that the hall would be ready by the 18th of November. Donna has been in consultation with Our Lady of Mount Carmel School to hold the bazaar there if necessary, however, there would be a fee.

16. Approval of Funeral Luncheon Policy: (Mary Lou Hills)

The members present asked that the policy be returned to the committee as they were concerned about the wording in #5 and #6.

MOVED by Andrea Glover and **SECONDED** by Sue Aubin that the funeral luncheon policy be returned to the Policy and Procedures Committee for clarification of #5 and 6. They were concerned with the wording around donations – particularly when purchasing sweets etc.

17. Elections – Discernment: (Mary Lou Hills)

CWL council elections will be held on November 14th. Letters have been sent to all members, along with a list of those members eligible to be elected and a return date of October 15th. Mary Lou then presented some thoughts about everyone having gifts – to think what they can offer to the League if called because someone has recognized that they have special gifts. She then read a passage from the New Testament: *1Corinthians: Chapter 12, verses 4-11.*

18. Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Kelly closed the meeting saying St. Francis of Assisi prayer for peace.

The meeting ended at 8:30.

Meetings 2023: November 14th, December 12th (Potluck)

Events: Snowflake Bazaar November 18th.

Diocesan News and Events: All Presidents Meeting: October 21st, Development Day November 18th.
