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CWL General Meeting
December 11th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Amherstview, Ontario in the Church Hall

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.

In Attendance: Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Bernadette Veitch, Susan Aubin, Theresa Shanks, Gail Raymond, Margaret Wilson, Gisele Van Putten, Andrea Glover, Liz Ford, Mary Myers, Fr. Charles Ogbuagu, Cathy Splinter.

By Zoom: Kelly Neville

A Quorum (at least 7 members) WAS achieved at this meeting.

MEETING WAS POSTPONED FROM DECEMBER 9TH DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

a) Welcome (Donna Guiney)

Donna opened the meeting at 5:12 pm and thanked the CWL for tonight's pizza. Father Charles said grace and pizza was served.

b) Opening Prayer (Liz Ford)

Liz led everyone in a prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

c) Approval of the Agenda for the December 11th, 2025 General Meeting (Donna Guiney)

MOTION to approve the Agenda for the General Meeting of December 11th, 2025 was made by Susan Aubin and seconded by Andrea Glover. **CARRIED**

d) Approval of the Minutes of the November 11th, 2025 General Meeting (Shirley McDonald)

MOTION to approve the Minutes of the November 11th General Meeting as distributed was made by Margaret Wilson and seconded by Andrea Glover. **CARRIED**

2. OFFICER REPORTS

a) Spiritual Advisor's Report (Fr. Charles)

Fr. Charles reported that there is nothing new in the parish. We are preparing for the 200th anniversary of the archdiocese. Fr. Charles noted that parish attendance continues to decline, and asked everyone to consider how we can boost attendance. He is looking for suggestions. The parish has a new songbook which will be introduced at this weekends' masses.

b) Treasurer's Report (Danna Dobson)

- A financial report was circulated. There is new income from the bazaar and a funeral luncheon. The bank balance for November was $7,318.59. Danna is looking for recommendations for a few more charities to use up the funds we have previously allocated. It was agreed to support the Amherstview Lions' Christmas Hamper program, OLMC school food campaign, St. Vincent de Paul, Threads for Hope and our parish assistance family.

  MOTION made by Danna Dobson to distribute allocated charitable funds to the following groups: Amherstview Lions, OLMC, St. Vincent de Paul, Threads for Hope and our parish assistance family. Seconded by Bernadette Veitch. **CARRIED**

- There was discussion about supporting Father Charles with his upcoming trip to Nigeria with an additional gift of $75.00 in addition to his Christmas gift of $75.00.

  MOTION to give Father Charles Ogbuagu an additional $75.00 in cash was made by Bernadette Veitch and seconded by Kelly Neville. **CARRIED**

- There was discussion about giving a donation to the church from the bazaar profits.

  MOTION to donate $1000.00 to Blessed Sacrament was made by Margaret Wilson, seconded by Shirley McDonald. **CARRIED**

c) President's Report (Donna Guiney)

No report.

d) Membership/Vice President's Report (Shirley McDonald)

Shirley reminded everyone that memberships renewed before January 31st would be entered into the draw for the Earlybird prize (refund of membership fee). Fifteen members renewed at the bazaar.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports this month.

4. STANDING ITEMS

a) Policies & Procedures – N/A

b) Fundraising

i. FundScrip (Danna Dobson)

Fall FundScrip campaign resulted in a profit of $392.15.

ii. Snowflake Bazaar – November 15, 2025 (Donna Guiney)

Donna reported that the bazaar raised $2,628.29. Volunteers for a wrap-up meeting are Donna, Cathy, Gisele, Theresa, Gail, Danna, Margaret, Shirley.

c) Correspondence

Letters were received from Martha's Table (donation), Birthright Kingston (donation), and Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (donation).

5. OLD BUSINESS

a) 2026 Diocesan Convention – Prayer Room (Mary Lou Hills)

Donna Guiney, Mary Myers, Susan Aubin, Gail Raymond and Liz Ford agreed to assist with this. The requirement would be to set up the room prior to the convention, and to clean up the room after the convention.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Awards (Donna Guiney)

Donna thanked the 2024-2025 executive and presented gifts. Donna was thanked on behalf of the executive for her leadership.

b) Presentations (Donna Guiney)

Donna presented Danna Dobson with the Maple Leaf Service Pin for exemplary service to the Catholic Women's League and to Blessed Sacrament council.

7. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed at 6:46 pm. Liz led us in prayer to Our Lady of Guadaloupe.
Immediately following the meeting, games were played and Christmas shoe boxes were filled.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 pm.