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CWL General Meeting

September 14, 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 in-person (8): Donna Guiney, Shirley McDonald, Danna Dobson, Mary Lou Hills, Anne Nicholls, Cathy Splinter, Margaret Wilson, Andrea Glover

Attendance by Zoom (4): Susan Aubin, Theresa Shanks, Trish Nguyen, Barbara Larmondin

Regrets: Bernadette Freeburn

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 7:08 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Prayer

Donna discussed the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and led in a prayer to the Holy Cross.

3. Approval of Agenda (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Andrea Glover to approve the agenda of the general meeting of September 14, 2021 as amended.

Seconded by Margaret Wilson. **CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Minutes (Donna Guiney)

MOVED by Margaret Wilson to approve the minutes of the general meeting of June 8, 2021 as distributed.

Seconded by Mary Lou Hills. **CARRIED.**

5. Spiritual Advisor Report

Father Shea asks us all to keep praying! The Catholic Register of September 2021 was recommended for reading. Fr. Shea would like us to take on a project, a Prayer Book. We ask people to submit prayers, then an editor and someone to compile the prayers will be needed. Those who submit prayers will receive a free copy, the rest will be sold. The tentative date for release of the Prayer Book is November 2022, and it will be sold during the Christmas season.

6. Treasurer Report (Danna Dobson)

- The current balance is \$3,479.89.
- Marie Minifie has designed birthday cards to give out to CWL members. This will save us quite a bit of money as we were purchasing cards retail. Copies have been made from a \$100.00 donation provided for this purpose. Barbara Larmondin will be sending out birthday cards.
- Marie has also designed a "Thinking of You" card that would be used for expressions of sympathy etc. for those who do not fit the usual criteria for masses. Margaret Wilson will be sending these cards once the current stock is depleted.

7. Membership Report (provided by Margaret Barker)

- There are 65 members this year.
- The Diocesan has approved an increase to our membership fees that would go to the Diocesan Council.

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

- Elections will be held on January 11, 2022. The election materials will go out in November, 2021. In November a letter will be sent to members with the list of eligible members and voting will take place in January. Mary Lou needs two volunteers to assist on the elections committee, please contact her if you are interested.
- The League magazine will be online for the fall issue only, as an experiment. This will be available here: <https://cwl.ca/category/media/the-canadian-league/>
- The National theme for 2022 - 2023 is "Catholic and Living It".

9. President's Report (Donna Guiney)

- Donna reminded us that it is our right to vote and we should pray and reflect on the positions of the candidates before voting.
- It was suggested we plant an oak tree as part of our 25th anniversary celebration. It was agreed to plant the tree on September 30th at 10:00 a.m. on the church grounds. The tree will be provided by Shirley McDonald, the soil will be provided by Cathy Splinter. Volunteers to plant are to come wearing orange shirts. This event will be shared with the Knights of Columbus.

Standing Committee Reports

10. Community Life Report (Barbara Larmondin)

- If anyone has suggestions for charities to support this year, send to Barbara.
- Christians in the Holy Land are asking everyone to pray with them on September 21st for peace in the Holy Land and the Middle East. More information and prayers will be emailed out to members.
- September 30th is National Orange Shirt Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Donna suggested members take a selfie wearing an orange shirt and send them to Shirley for posting on the website and Facebook page.

Old Business

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

A second virtual silent auction will be held on October 3rd. We are looking for new, unused items to auction, deadline for donations September 30th. Promotion has started and flyers are available for posting. Members are asked to assist with promotion by distributing flyers in the community and sharing the auction site link with family and friends. The auction site link is: <https://www.32auctions.com/CWL2021Fall>.

12. Fall FundScrip Campaign (Danna Dobson)

At the June meeting it was suggested that we hold a FundScrip campaign this fall. It was suggested we have a fall card campaign going from mid-October to mid-November and this was agreed to by those present. Danna also suggested we consider an open campaign that is ongoing all year rather than targeted card campaigns. She will bring more information and figures about this to the next meeting.

13. Snowflake Bazaar November 13, 2021 (Donna Guiney)

In light of the current COVID situation and difficulties involved, it was unanimously agreed that the Bazaar be cancelled /postponed again this year.

Correspondence

Correspondence was shared from Cheryl Dubbelman, Mary Seifred, Noreen D'Eon, Project Rachel and Birthright.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Donna led in a closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Meetings 2021: October 12, November 9, December 14
