



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Joseph's Parish Council
MINUTES
Of the General Meeting
Hybrid meeting at 7:55 – 9:15 pm
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Attendance:

In person: Mary Hatcher, Agnes Rowe, Linda Ainsworth, MollyAnn Thomas, Joan Greer, Sheila Kelly, Cindy Martin, Susan Drever, Margo Dallaire, Linda Trimble.

On-line: Margaret Simpson.

Executive Team: Hazel DeGazon, Michelle Lange, Sharon Lato and Heidi Minuti.

Regrets: Father Craig Cruikshank

Opening Prayer: **Michelle Lange** (*League Prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Payer for Healing and Reconciliation*)

Meeting called to order by: Hazel DeGazon at 7:55 pm. Hazel introduced Sharon Lato, our Council's new Treasurer.

Minutes of the April 18, 2023, Meeting: moved: Sheila Kelly **seconded:** Susan Drever **the motion carried.**

Guest Speaker: *None*

Successes:

- **April 29/30 Diocesan CWL 102nd. Convention** – Hazel presented photos and video footage from the convention. These included awards ceremonies, historical displays, convention highlights, recognition of CWL members' services, and the newly elected Diocesan CWL Executive.

Our council's activities' report included our contributions to the Diocesan on-line Auction for Truth and Reconciliation; raising over one thousand dollars during the October 2022 Applefest & Craft Sale; our council hosted an on-line social in November 2022; the Simbang Gabi Filipino Christmas Novena Masses; the Spring Luncheon attended by over sixty guests, our council's funeral receptions catering raised \$ 3,300.-- last year; maintaining a CWL Council Website; assisted with various luncheons; team-taught First Holy Communion Classes; assisted with Elementary School Student Christmas lunches.

- **May 08 Ecumenical Dinner** – Twenty-four CWL members attended, making it the largest contingent present at the event. The dinner was held at the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Church in Bowmanville and very well organized.
- **May 14 Nigerian Mass Celebration** – eight CWL members were present at the outstanding event. Kudos to the Nigerian Community, a very young and most energetic demographic. An immense joy in the Risen Lord, expressed through beautiful renditions of song, music and dance, was utterly contagious. The ensuing and very well attended reception offered authentic Nigerian food, warm hospitality and efficient service. We thank Father Craig and Father Darlington and their Nigerian brother Priests for this outstanding experience.
- **April 22 Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Ceremony** -

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Chequing account \$ 15,676.04
Lottery account \$ 2,463.41

Organization (Hazel) – nil

Spiritual (Michelle) - nil

Christian Family Life (Linda) -

- Medical Assistance in Dying must be understood as *intentionally* ending human life of vulnerable individuals - including the very young and those whose death is not reasonably foreseeable who can ask and receive euthanasia on the same day - and is therefore a grave and morally unjustifiable act. Bill S-248 now aims to remove the need for final consent before being euthanized. Regrettably, alternative funding for palliative care remains challenging.

- Mental health issues are a huge problem for the poor, refugees, marginalized individuals, and those living in remote areas. A counselling service *wellnesstogether.ca* is available 24/7. The entire report is available in the Spring 2023 issue of *The Canadian League*

NEW BUSINESS:

- **May 24 Meeting in Huntsville/ON** - The meeting will have the New CWL Administrative Structure as its focus and begins at 9:00 a.m. Michelle will provide the video link for us.
- **July 8-12 CWL Provincial Convention in Cornwall/ON** - Registration closes on June 1st. 2023.
- **June 20 CWL Social** – It was agreed to hold it in the church basement. There will be no formal agenda, but the November 04th Bazaar will be discussed at the event. Appetizers and drinks to be brought and shared by members.
- **Fundraiser for Friends for Honduran Children** – Presently 130 children are cared for in the Nuevo Paraiso orphanage receiving food, medical care and education to enhance their prospects in later life. Eighteen students presently attend secondary programs and fifty students are on scholarships in High School. At the Teguchigalipa Education Center, 273 girls are currently enrolled in trader classes. Some of these girls are mothers living in poverty.

MOTION: Susan moved and Linda seconded “...That our Council donate \$ 200.-- towards the Fundraiser for Friends of Honduran Children.” The Motion carried.

- **Nov. 04 CWL Bazaar** – Co-convenors Agnes and Linda presented the following:
 - The Church Hall is booked for Friday, Nov. 3rd. from 9 am - 8 pm, and for Saturday, Nov. 04 from 9 am - 4 pm to receive donations for various tables and set up.
 - Bazaar time will be from 11 am – 2:30 pm. Draws will be held between 2 – 2:30 p.m. Winner must be present in the Hall during the draw to accept their prizes.
 - 2000 Raffle Tickets will be printed. CWL signing authorities must sign the license application.
 - Prizes will be \$ 300 for first prize, \$ 200 for second prize and \$ 100 for 3rd prize.
 - Tickets will sell for \$ 3 each or three tickets for \$ 5. CWL members will sell tickets in advance of the bazaar.
 - MollyAnn will organize the raffle and asks for volunteers to assist her.
 - The St. Vincent de Paul Store truck will collect unsold items at 4 pm on November 4-2023.
 - Bazaar tables: **Baked Goods** (Anne Chabassol & Anne Campbell), **Penny Table** (Susan Wood & Michelle Lange), **Craft Table** (Sheila Kelly & Joan Greer) **Café or Tea Room** (Ruth Michaud, Jeri Frisina, Heidi Minuti, Fran Coles), **Jewellery** (Hedy Gadd), **Christmas Produce** ((volunteers needed to contact Mark Price, Link’s and John Zoelman), **3 Tables** for selling Missals, Raffle tickets and Penny Table tickets.
 - Linda will contact St. Stephen High School in the Fall to ask for help from students needing volunteer hours.
 - Linda will enquire as to the need for a Penny Table license.
 - Linda will look after advertising and publicity.
 - We will need a list of prospective donors and an updated letter of introduction from our CWL Council.

Correspondence:

- ✓ April and May 2023 Newsletters: Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Donation info enclosed.
- ✓ Our Lady of the Wayside School invitation for a rep to attend the May 17-2023 dinner.
- ✓ Catholic Missions in Canada.
- ✓ Thank You Card from the family of the late Joan Tax.
- ✓ Thank You Card from the family of the late Helen Conolly.
- ✓ Elvira Henry’s request for Donation for the Friends of Honduran Children.
- ✓ Received \$ 35.00 Cash CWL Dues from Magda Zoelman.

Meeting adjourned: Mary moved and MollyAnn seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm. The motion carried.

Next Meeting: June 20, 2023, at 7:45 pm in the Church Hall.

Closing Prayers: omitted.

APPENDIX -A – Events

Dates	Time	Event	Venue
June 20, 2023	7:30pm	CWL – Remember When... project (<i>potluck with wine & cheese. Bar will be open</i>)	Church Hall
July 8th – 12, 2023		CWL Provincial Convention	Cornwall
September 10, 2023	All Day	Celebrate 90th Anniversary BBQ	Park opposite our church
October 28, 2023	TBD	Celebrate 90th Anniversary - Formal Dinner (<i>music, three course meal.</i> <i>- Tickets will be sold and price \$\$ TBD</i>)	Church Hall
November 4, 2023	All Day	Annual Bazaar	Church Hall