



**Attendance:**

**in person:** Fr. Craig Cruikshank, Ruth Michaud, Linda Ainsworth, Linda Trimble, Margo Dallaire, Lauren Thomas, MollyAnn Thomas, Fran Coles, Sheila Kelly, Joan Greer, Susan Wood, Susan Drever.

**on-line:** Agnes Rowe, Cindy Martin.

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

**Opening Prayer:** **Michelle Lange** (*Patron Saint Prayer*)

**Meeting called to order by:** Hazel DeGazon at 7:45pm.

**General Minutes** of the February 21, 2023, **moved:** Susan Drever **seconded:** Susan Wood **the motion carried.**

**Guest Speaker:** *None*

**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Craig

**\*\*\* Focus on building our Church Community \*\*\***

- Twice the anticipated number of guests attended the March 19, 2023 Pasta Dinner.
- The marquee event for our church community's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held on September 10, 2023. The field across from the church has been reserved. Further details will be provided as these are confirmed.
- The latest group photos of our St. Joseph Church volunteer-teams are solicited to add to our parish history.

**Successes:**

- March 03, 2023: World Day of Prayer March was held at 1 pm at the Church of Latter-Day Saints.
- March 05, 2023: CWL Spring Social: we welcomed many guests. Donations of \$ 320. -- covering the cost.
- March 10, 2023: Stations of the Cross Fewer participants than anticipated perhaps due to inclement winter weather.
- March 19, 2023: Parish Pasta Dinner was held between 4 – 6 pm. More than seventy guests attended. Thank-You notes will be sent to those Knight of Columbus members who assisted our group in this endeavor.

**Feedback on last Membership Luncheon:**

**\*\*\* Very Important and we need to consider this \*\*\***

- Should have had more fun, more entertaining to gain additional members
- Some feedback captured during our meeting:
  - Some attendees at the luncheon felt that it was more of a CWL push for membership, rather than 'getting-to-know the ladies of the parish' as the invitation suggests.
  - Some attendees felt that it was fine and informative.
  - Younger people, spend less time at functions
  - Others had no feedback.
- Learnt that it the Membership Luncheons should be:
  - **Fun** – 1/3, **Spiritual** – 1/3 and **CWL** - 1/3
  - Guest speakers have the floor for 15 minutes and have questions and answers for 15 minutes  
(Therefore, that special CWL 30-minute video covered that portion of time was fine)
  - Luncheon should last 2 to 2.5 hours.
- **Suggestions:**
  - Going forward, we should keep our Membership Luncheon separate, and **host** a special Luncheon for recruitment, inviting new Ladies of the congregation.  
- OR -
  - Going forward, we advertise our CWL Membership Luncheon and extend the invitation to the congregation so they may see what 'CWL' is about and give them the opportunity to join us.

## Standing Committee Reports:

### Treasurer's Report: (Hazel)

- Account Balances as of March 20, 2023
  - Chequing Account: \$12,732.45
  - Lottery or Savings account: \$2,470.91

### Organization: (Hazel)

#### Membership statistics & updates.

- New paid-up members from the Spring Luncheon: 2
- Dues paid for 2023 – 67%
- Dues paid for 2022 – 85%
- An unidentified member forwarded \$30. -- in cash. Michelle will post a screenshot of the donation envelope on-line. If anyone knows the sender or recognizes the sender's handwriting, please contact Hazel or Michelle.

### Spiritual: (Michelle)

- Members present signed a Get-Well and a Spiritual Bouquet Card for Pauline Schumacher
- The Funeral Mass for Helen Conolly will be celebrated on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 11 a.m. including the KoC Honor and CWL Guards. Our Council will offer a Mass for the repose of Helen Conolly's soul.
- Joan Tax, a long-standing CWL member, passed away March 21, 2023. Our Council will offer a Mass for the repose of Helen Connolly and Joan Tax' souls.
- May 8, 2023, Ecumenical Dinner – potluck held by the Church of latter-day saints.

### Christian Family Life/Education: (Joan Miller / Linda Ainsworth)

- *Human Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with **God**, with our **neighbour**, and with the **earth** itself. (Laudato Si.66)*
- The Ontario Provincial CWL Directive # 5 focuses on the environment.
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023, is *World Water Day*. The Goal is to achieve clean water and sanitation by 2030 for the world's 2.2 billion people who have access to safe drinking water.
- Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 8:30pm – 9:30pm is *Earth Hour*. Private households and businesses are encouraged to turn off non-essential lights and electronics for one hour to foster awareness of energy consumption, climate change and global warming.
- Saturday, April 22, 2023, is *Earth Day*. Deforestation, endangered wildlife, and potable water shortages risk our long-term lifestyles and health.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 13, 2023, is National Hospice Care week.
- Monday, May 8, 2023, a virtual presentation from 7:00pm – 9:00 p.m. entitled: *Go Make a Difference Project* will focus on compassionate palliative end of life care. Registration Details will be provided in April.2023, for education of the use of the 'Horizons of Hope' Tool kit for interested parties.

<https://cwl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/20230222-Education-and-Health-Communique-09-final.pdf>

### Historical Update – (please note that MollyAnn is not our historian. It is the responsibility of the Past-President)

#### CWL Archival documentation:

- **Receipts for reimbursement** were submitted for:
  1. Binders,
  2. Card stock,
  3. Markers,
  4. Glue,
  5. Sheet protectors,
  6. File folders,
  7. Wooden dowel rod to hang the 1929 – 1990 CWL Banner.
- **List of donated items:** markers, acid free sheet protectors, hanging file folders, sticky notes, tape, small bins, binder dividers, 8.5 X 11" binder pockets.

- Submissions from the *Clarington Museum and Archives* can be printed.
- The Peterborough Diocese has archived material about the St. Joseph's Church (Bowmanville). Fr. Craig offered to select articles from these files for the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary celebrations.
- Copies of a factual compilation of the Peterborough Diocese's history *From Pioneers to the Seventies* by Edgar J. Boland can be ordered for \$15. -- and \$20. -- excluding shipping cost.
- Newspaper articles must be properly documented (date, author, name of newspaper) to be included in our archives.
- Additional volunteers are needed to work on this project.
- Michelle submitted a September 25, 1958, newspaper article depicting the construction of the NEW St. Joseph's Church on Liberty Street. The late Charles Bowmanville's daughter had donated the land of the original building on Church Street
- Our Council's June 20, 2023, meeting will be dedicated to completing the *Remember When... Project* followed by a Potluck Appetizer Buffet including wine and cheese.

. **Historical: N/R    Community Life: N/R**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **April 18, 2023, General Meeting** - Diocesan CWL President, Helena Lessard, will join us. Be prepared with questions.
2. **April 29/30 - CWL Diocesan Convention** to be held in Peterborough, Ontario. On-line payments, Registration for sessions and sign-up for the 100<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Banquet. (Online information was sent to all members on March 16-2023. We will assist with payment methods.)  
**\*\*\* Contact Susan Wood with names of those attending this convention \*\*\***  
*(So far attendees are Michelle Lange, Ruth Michaud, Agnes Rowe, Linda Ainsworth, Susan Wood)*
3. **From Lynda Macpherson, CWL Spiritual Development Chair, Peterborough Diocese:**
  - Presenting a Spiritual Bouquet to Bishop Daniel Miehm, Fr. Roy Villas, Fr. Tom Lynch, Fr. Peter Lukow, Fr. Charles Orchard, Fr. Neil Pereira.
  - Suggested kinds of offerings (Masses, Rosaries, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Acts of Sacrifice/Penance, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Novenas, etc.). Our members' offerings will be submitted to Lynda.
4. **July 08-12, 2023 – CWL Provincial Convention** to be held in Cornwall, Ontario. Registration for this event closes on June 01, 2023.
5. **Faith in Action- Directive from CWL Diocesan Council** on recognizing and assisting vocations. Our council donates to the Seminarian Fund and the Priest Retirement Fund. Suggestions on how we can contribute more are invited.
6. **Archival Documentation/Cleanup**
  - Volunteers needed to assist MollyAnn on Thursday mornings.
  - Storage locations for decorations, documentation, historical items.
  - Book of Memories.
    - Gladys Masterson and Irene Payne put together the history of the CWL to be updated with stories from elder, long-standing members like Mary Chisholm.
  - Drafting our council's history to update our website.
  - Email to request historical stories from members.
  - Working on an Itemized list of CWL documentation and their physical locations within our church
7. **November 04, 2023, St. Joseph's CWL Bazaar.** We will discuss this event at a future meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

1. Camp Northern Lights.
2. Donation Receipts & Thank You from:
  - Mary Fitzgerald for the Luncheon,
  - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
  - Development & Peace,
  - Fr. Stephen,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindred Spirits,</li> <li>• Peterborough Diocesan Council,</li> <li>• Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.</li> </ul>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Next Meeting: April 18, 2023, at 7:45 p.m.</li> <li>2. Snacks will be provided by: MollyAnn and Lauren Thomas.</li> <li>3. Snacks for the May Meeting will be provided by Linda Trimble and Heidi Minuti.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Meeting adjourned</b> at 9:00 p.m. <b>Moved:</b> Margo Dallaire <b>Seconded:</b> MollyAnn Thomas <b><u>The motion carried.</u></b></p> <p>Please check our CWL St. Joseph’s website for all updates referenced in meeting minutes, agendas, fundraisers, events etc.  <a href="https://www.cwlstjoseph.com">https://www.cwlstjoseph.com</a></p>
<p><b>Closing Prayer:</b> by Fr. Craig/Michelle Lange</p>

**APPENDIX -A – Events**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
April 18,2023	7:45 pm	CWL General/Hybrid Meeting	Church Hall
April 29th – 30, 2023		<b>CWL Diocesan Convention</b> <i>(If you plan to attend, please provide your contact information to <b>Susan Wood</b>. We are working on carpools etc.)</i>	Peterborough
June 20, 2023	7:45pm	<b>CWL – Remember When... project</b> <i>(potluck with wine &amp; cheese. Bar will be open)</i>	Church Hall
July 8th – 12, 2023		<b>CWL Provincial Convention</b>	Cornwall
September 10, 2023	All Day	<b>Celebrate 90th Anniversary BBQ</b>	Park opposite our church
October 28, 2023	TBD	<b>Celebrate 90th Anniversary - Formal Dinner</b> <i>(music, three course meal). - Tickets will be sold and price \$\$ TBD</i>	Church Hall
November 4, 2023	All Day	<b>Annual Bazaar</b>	Church Hall