



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Joseph's Parish Council
MINUTES
of the Tuesday, September 19, 2023
General/Hybrid Meeting

WERE PRESENT: Agnes Rowe, Ruth Michaud, Ann Chabassol, AnneCampbell, Linda Ainsworth, Sheila Kelly, Susie Drever, Margo D'Allaire, Cindy Martin.

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

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: Hazel opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Michelle led the *League Prayer*.

TREASURER,S RESIGNATION: members present learned that Sharon Lato resigned her position as our council's treasurer.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 2023, MEETING: tabled

CORRESPONDENCE: Rita MacDonald sent a cheque for \$ 1,000,-- to help defray food costs incurred during our St. Joseph's Parish 90th. Anniversary Celebration. Michelle will send a thank-you note and ask the parish office to issue a charitable tax receipt for the donor.

COUNCIL DONATION MOTION: Agnes moved and Anne seconded that "*our St. Joseph's Parish CWL donate \$ 500,-- to the St. Joseph's Church to help pay for the parish's 90th Anniversary Celebration.*"
The motion carried.

OCTOBER 15, 2023, APPLEFEST: Registration Confirmation has been received to participate in this year's community event. Stringent participation regulations preclude the sale of store-bought food items. Participants must remain on site from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It was agreed to sell handcrafted items to raise funds. Sheila will solicit donations of knitted or crochet items.

NOVEMBER 03/04, 2023, CWL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Co-convenors Agnes and Linda reported donations will be received in the church hall on Friday, November 03-2023, between 9am and 8pm. The bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 04-2023, from 11 am until 2:30 pm. It was agreed not to sell tickets for raffles during the bazaar due to changed lottery regulations. High School students will volunteer at the bazaar. Linda mentioned that with the loss of the Metroland Newspaper publication advertising may be a challenge. Posters with details of the bazaar will be on display at our local schools. Linda will solicit donations from local business establishments. Grocery Gift Cards will be used to purchase food items for the tea room. No store-bought baked goods will be accepted at the bake table. Books and clothing items will not be solicited.

ROSARY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM: experienced and new volunteers will once again visit classrooms at the St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School in Bowmanville beginning Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Heidi agreed to be the contact person for the school's administration and volunteers. The aim of the program is

- to make students realize that they belong to a universal family which is the Catholic Church,
- to promote devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
- to give students the opportunity to experience God's presence through prayer.

Volunteers will need a valid criminal background check (vulnerable sector).

CWL NATIONAL COUNCIL SURVEY: Hazel agreed to draft a user-friendly format for our members to complete the survey the purpose of which is to establish how many active or nominal Catholic Women's League members are registered locally.

SNACK DUTIES: it was agreed to dispense with the monthly food and drink offerings going forward.

DATE OF THE NEXT CWL MEETING: Tuesday, October 17, 2023, beginning at 7:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting closed at 9:00 pm on a motion by Hazel, seconded by Heidi. The motion carried.
Michelle led members present in the Closing Prayer *The Beauty of Positive Thinking*.