



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Joseph's Parish Council
General Meeting Minutes
Virtual meeting at 7:45 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Minutes taken by: MollyAnn
Thomas

Members Present: Fr. Craig, Linda Ainsworth, Pauline Schumacher, Susie Drever, Margo Dellaire,

Executive present: Mia Ward (regrets), Hazel DeGazon, Michelle Lange, Lauren Thomas and MollyAnn Thomas

Opening Prayer: Michelle – **League Prayer** –special intentions for our members

Meeting called to order by Michelle at 8:00 pm - see PowerPoint

General Minutes of February 16, 2021 General Meeting **Moved:** Linda Ainsworth **Seconded:** Pauline Schumacher

Guest Speaker: No Guest Speaker

New Business:

- CWL Donations 'Fundraising' through the Church – (*Hazel and Fr. Craig*) – help from the church – donations permitted – tax receipts provided from church – will be added to CWL post on the church website – see PowerPoint
 - Cheque made out to Church if you want a tax receipt – add a note to say it is for the CWL
 - 'help us help others'
 - Posters will be bigger - 8 by 14
- Provincial April Newsletter – (*Michelle*)
 - Thank you to Peggy Haynes and Fr. Craig
 - Limited in space for the newsletter
 - Files to uploaded to Executive Outlook site for future years
- Budget – (*Lauren*)
 - Previous discussions and last general meeting
 - Keep limit of donations in 2021 to \$6000.00 = suggestion: clergy staff, spiritual masses/retreats, community – needy and scholarships/awards – focus more on our community
 - Development and Peace – Michelle suggested to donate
 - Possibly the money we would have spent at the bazaar to donate it to the CWL – to help us help others
 - \$1000 was left in a will when Fr. Eric was here but never used – Lauren to touch base with Peggy
 - Speaker at mass after Easter
 - Do a special write up for everyone.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church (*Fr. Craig*)
 - anyone interested in helping to decorate St. Joseph for the feast on Friday – statue on table
 - New secretary is Cindy Campbell – Tuesday and Thursday
- Monthly Social – assistance required with leading - (*Susan Wood & Linda Ainsworth*)
 - Invitation will be sent out today – March 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - Bring your own drinks – songs, jokes and a good chat
 - Divided into 2 sessions – 2 free sessions versus paying for it
 - April 14th will be the next social.

Correspondence (*Michelle and MollyAnn*)

- Emails sent to general membership from Provincial: Send a card to someone special (postage paid), March 2021 online newsletter was forwarded to members, and Mass for the third Sunday of Lent from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough, ON
- Euthanasia Coalition – thank you for your donation – asking for support in 2021
- Janet LaPorte – thank you for picking up the mail for the CWL.
- Email to membership – Development and Peace Share Lent
- Email to membership – National Lenten Retreat day on March 26
- Email to membership – Communique – “Bill C-7 proposes to expand eligibility for medical assistance in dying (MAiD) to any competent adult who has an illness, disease or disability, is in an advanced state of decline in capability, and is experiencing intolerable and irremediable suffering—regardless of whether the person's natural death is reasonably foreseeable. The first track of this legislation is available to all Canadians equally approaching the end of life. The second track has now singled out the disability community and told them they can also choose to end their lives....

- Email to membership – From Joan Miller – sharing ‘Let’s Talk Fraud’ - Join us as we hear from Martin Franssen, D/CST in the Fraud Unit at DRPS, about how to protect ourselves from fraud and scams affecting Durham residents.
- Thank you for your donation at Christmas. Heather Hogan
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition – requesting donations and further information on Bill C-7. MAiD [euthanasia and assisted suicide]
- ‘Thinking of you’ – on-line cards sent to members by CWL Team
- CWL Service pins – mailed to celebrants end of February, 2021
- ‘Get well card’ – mailed to Joan Tax
- Forwarded Joan Millers email for: ‘What flowers can teach’
- Mia will remain President.
- Inform CWL about the World Day of Prayer & International Women’s Day
- Suggestion to distribute all CWL Member contact information to all CWL members is in breach of the Privacy Law. We cannot do this without having everyone’s authorization on the list. Only Executive can have that information.
- Pauline said thank you for sending out the service pins.
- Comment – too many emails – information sharing

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: (*Lauren*)

- See information shared above

Organization: (*Hazel*)

- Membership statistics & updates – members to be updated and emails/phone numbers may have changed
- Further updates from Agnes – phone tree support
- Electronic deposits
 - No online banking yet. Mia and Lauren accept then send money to bank.
- Membership dues – not 100% paid in 2020
- Certificate of Merit – with 50 plus years
- Maple Leaf Service pins – 17 members to consider with 7-10 years of service
 - This should be really be a special award and well chosen.
 - People in the past were so involved and never received it.
 - Linda A. to assist the Executive with selection and the paperwork.
 - Discussion around those that have received it and should have received.

Spiritual: (*Michelle*)

- March 2021 – Spiritual Update sent out
- Update on Marshall H.
- Development & Peace – Joint press release CCCB and D & P
- Are there any Special Prayer Intentions?

Christian Family Life: N/R, **Education & Health:** N/R, **Community Life:** N/R, **Historical:** N/R

Other business:

1. Do we order the 100th CWL Anniversary Banner? Bring as a motion.

Actions:

1. A mass card is to be brought to Morris Funeral Home, to be delivered to the family of Sheridan Beaton, who passed away August 13th, 2020 (No address)
2. Read Joan Miller’s email about the ‘Health Cabinet’ (Fr. Hogan 2 years ago)? What is this about? Joan to speak about it.
3. Executive to ask Paddy then research cost for the 100th banner.
4. Election – any members interested in any position on the Executive for 2022. Secretary and Treasurer positions will be available in December 2021.

Meeting closed: Moved: Margo

Seconded: Pauline

Next Meeting: April 20, 2021 at 7:45 pm
(After 7:00pm Mass for Annie Hughes)

Closing Prayer: Michelle