



The Catholic Women's League of Canada  
St. Joseph's Parish Council  
Minutes of the General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.** (*Hazel DeGazon*)

**Were present in person:** Fr. Craig Cruikshank, Cindy Martin, Ruth Michaud, Linda Ainsworth, Chris Patel, Fran Coles, Sheila Kelly, Joan Greer, Susan Drever, Margo Dallaire, MollyAnn Thomas, and Linda Trimble.

**Were present online:** Agnes Rowe and Tina DeSouza.

**Guest:** Peterborough Diocesan CWL President Helena Lessard.

**MOTION:** Sheila Kelly moved, and Chris Patel seconded to accept the March 21-2023 General Meeting Minutes as circulated. *The motion carried.*

### **PROJECT UNITY**

#### **Guest Speaker CWL President – Project Unity**

- Team building and sharing exercises as Helena helped us focus and realize the strengths and gifts of our members, the strengths and gifts of our team, our accomplishments, and challenges.
- We touched on viable solutions to these high-level challenges through changes to get the best from our team.
- *Summary of content covered that evening is in the attached under: Unity Outreach Project Bowmanville.pdf*

#### **Questions addressed to Helena Lessard & Responses:**

- Which changes are most impactful regarding the new policy? – *Most impactful changes are in the financial section, more so 2.12 and going forward. There is more flexibility in the new process and structure to allow for continuation and succession of leaders for a thriving CWL team. Meetings times and frequency are based on the team.*
- Does the new policy change the way we run our Parish Council? – *Our team has already put into place the change in structure from five to three committees.*
- Any new fund-raising our members need to organize for 2023? – *Nothing new, our team has already raised funds and donations for the Indigenous peoples, Catholic missions, Euthanasia, our Seminarians, clergy, and palliative care. We are on track for 2023 and are adhering to the 'Go Make a Difference' campaign.*
- What items can our council contribute for the *Indigenous Reconciliation Fundraiser Draw*? – *Gift cards of various dollar values and unused items or crafts.*
- What expenses does our council pay for convention delegates? – *10% of our income can be applied to Membership development through meetings and workshops. Reimbursement of Registration and other fees is based on the voted Agreements of each parish council.*
- To whom does our council send Spiritual Bouquet offers for priests? – *Copy to President (Helena Lessard), for gifting at the 102<sup>nd</sup> CWL Peterborough Convention.*

**Fr. Craig's Spiritual Report:** tabled.

**Successes:**

- Sheila Kelly featured in a National CP24 News report about a lost wedding dress. (*Newspaper clipping is available on our website*)
- CWL members participated in our parish Easter Celebrations.
- CWL members assisted with the April 15-2023 First Holy Communion Intake Meeting.
- CWL members helped with the Confirmation Session.
- CWL members hosted three funeral receptions.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

1. **Treasurer's Report:** (*Hazel DeGazon*) nil.
2. **Organization:** (*Hazel DeGazon*) nil.
3. **Spiritual:** (*Michelle Lange*) – [CWL member Isabelle Cox passed away.](#)
4. **Christian Family Life/Education/Community Life** (*Joan Miller/Linda Ainsworth*) nil.
5. **Historical update** (*MollyAnn Thomas*) nil.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **May 8, 2023, Ecumenical Dinner:** Contact Michelle Lange for attendance. It will be a potluck dinner held at the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** at 6:00pm
2. **April 22, 2023, KoC 4th Degree Function:** Sheila Kelly offered to buy groceries needed to prepare the luncheon. Volunteers, please contact Michelle Lange at 905-697-1384. Christ Patel, Cindy Mason agreed to help. The event will take place from 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.
3. **April 28/29, 2023, Items needed to ship to Fort Hope** (*Indigenous Reconciliation Fundraiser*): Helena Lessard will provide our members with specific requests, and the donations will be held at the church entrance or KoC Hall, lower level. Further details to be determined.
4. **July 08-12, 2023, CWL Provincial Council Convention in Cornwall, ON:** Registration for that event will close on June 01-2023.
5. **Archival Documentation clean-up:** MollyAnn will advise our council on the CWL display items for the April 29/30 Diocesan Council Convention. We will have half a table space reserved plus can use the walls for posters.
6. **June Social:** (*Michelle Lange*) Members present opted for a May Business CWL Council Meeting and a strictly social event for our council's final meeting before the summer holidays in June. Susan Wood may submit ideas for a suitable theme. Further Information to follow.

**Correspondence:** Catholic Missions in Canada, and Refund from Church for Masses offered.

**Notes:**

- Please check our CWL St. Joseph's Council website for all updates in meeting minutes, agendas, fundraisers, events.
- Going forward, our CWL team must recite the 'Indigenous Land Acknowledgement' prayer at the start of every meeting until further notice.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** Margo Dallaire moved, and Susan Drever seconded to close the meeting at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried. Michelle Lange led our council in the Closing Prayer (*Create Hope*).

**Date of the next CWL Meeting:** May 16-2023 at 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

# Appendix A

## Events

Dates	Time	Event	Venue
April 18,2023	7:45 pm	CWL General/Hybrid Meeting	Church Hall
April 29th – 30, 2023	All Day	<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
May 8, 2023	6:00 pm	<b>Ecumenical Dinner</b> <i>(Potluck – bring your own dishes/cutlery etc.)</i>	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
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).</i> <i>- Tickets will be sold and price \$\$ TBD</i>	Church Hall
November 4, 2023	All Day	<b>Annual Bazaar</b>	Church Hall

## Embedded Documents

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**Unity Outreach Project Bowmanville – form filled with Diocesan President Helena Lessard**

Unity Outreach Project (Bowmanville)
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**Mothers come in many shapes and sizes**

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**Policy Amendments**

Peterborough Diocesan Policy and
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**Lost Wedding Dress Search – Sheila Kelly**

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