



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
St. Joseph's Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Tuesday, October 17, 2023
General/Hybrid Meeting

WERE PRESENT: Linda Ainsworth, Agnes Rowe, Ruth Michaud, Roxie Helm, Aileen MacPherson, Anne Chabassol, Anne Campbell, Margo Dallaire, Susie Drever, Chris Patel, Linda Trimble, Sheila Bates and Cindy Martin.

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

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: Hazel opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and Michelle led the *League Prayer*. Special Intentions were offered for victims of the Moroccan earthquake and all persons affected by war in Ukraine and the Middle East. Michelle mentioned Bishop Daniel Miem's exemplary support for Development and Peace.

MINUTES OF THE September 19, 2023, CWL MEETING: These were accepted as presented on a motion by Agnes Rowe, seconded by Linda Ainsworth. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: tabled. Our Council is in urgent need of a Treasurer. Hazel Degazon will keep the financial records for the time being.

Hazel is collecting CWL membership dues for 2023 and 2024.

OCTOBER 15, 2023, APPLE FEST: Sheila Kelly reported a net profit in the amount of \$ 751.00 from the sales of handcrafted items. She thanked Roger and Susan Wood for setting up and taking down the Kiosk and all individuals who in any way offered their time to help out during the event.

ROSARY IN THE SCHOOL PROGRAM: Kudos to Lisa Heitzner, Principal of the St. Joseph's Catholic Elementary School in Bowmanville, and her staff for organizing and welcoming Rosary Visitors back into the school after a three year hiatus.

Seven Rosary Visitors visited twenty two classes. Heidi Minuti expressed her thanks to Susie Drever for donating sufficient Rosaries for use in two classrooms. Maria Chippannan also provided a limited number of Rosaries.

The next school visit is planned for November 21, 2023. Additional Rosary Visitors are needed. They will be teamed up with experienced mentors to observe classroom visits.

NOVEMBER 03/04, 2023 CWL BAZAAR:

Co-convenors Agnes Rowe and Linda Ainsworth submitted the following up-dates:

- Adjacent parishes plus the local library, stores and schools have received posters to advertise the CWL Bazaar. Schools will send out CWL Bazaar Info electronically to their respective families.
- Friday, November 3rd, set-up includes decorating the hall scheduled from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- High School Students may help and be credited with volunteer hours.
- Several local businesses donated gift cards. A comprehensive list will be attached to next month's CWL meeting minutes.

It was agreed to use gift cards from food stores to purchase supplies for the tea room.

- The Knights of Columbus Council 6361 donated \$ 100.00 cash towards the Bazaar.
- Chris Patel agreed to sell Penny Table tickets.

- Peggy Cerone and Darlene Sullivan will provide cash floats to each table and count the money collected at the close of the bazaar. Janet Laporte has offered to assist with the final count.
- Diane Renault will donate butter tarts for the bake table.
- No store bought items or clothing will be accepted for sale at the Bazaar.
- A discussion ensued as to what will be displayed on the Penny Table. Gift Baskets? Crafts? It was agreed that due to strict regulations, no alcoholic beverages be sold in any form.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Truck has been booked for 4:00 pm to collect unsold items.

The following CWL members signed on to oversee items offered for sale:

- Bake Table - Anne Chabassol and Anne Campbell.
- Craft Table - Sheila Kelly and Joan Greer.
- Penny Table - Susan Wood and Michelle Lange
- Jewellery Table - Hedy Gadd.
- Christmas Table - MollyAnn Thomas.
- Face Painting - Janet Lange.
- Produce Table - Roxie Helm and Sheila Bates.
- White Elephant Table - Anita Jennings and Carol Stevens.
- Kitchen - Jeri Frisina and Ruth Michaud.

FR. CRAIG'S REPORT:

- With Covid-19 behind us, Mass attendance is now at pre-pandemic levels.
- The parish has presently organized seventy classes for students wishing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.
- A photo-directory is planned to commemorate our parish's 90th Anniversary Celebration. Group photos of parish organizations will be included in the directory.
- Visits to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank are increasing due to the high cost of food.
- The Pastoral Planning Committee invites CWL Members to its ongoing meetings.
- November 2nd. is All Souls Day and a special Mass is planned at the Church.
- November 11, Remembrance Day, High School students are invited to help prepare the church grounds for winter. Up to four volunteer hours will be credited.

DATE OF THE NEXT CWL MEETING: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, beginning at 7:45 pm

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting closed at 9:15 pm on a motion by Hazel, seconded by Heidi. The motion carried.

Fr. Craig led members present in the Closing Prayer.