



General Meeting attendees: Peggy Cerrone, Linda Ainsworth, Agnes Rowe, Pauline Schumacher, Fr. Craig

Executive Team attendees: Hazel DeGazon, Michelle Lange (regrets -Darlene Sullivan)

Opening Prayer: League Prayer – special intentions (Joan Elgar, Ruth Lawson, Stephanie Noonan, Pat Landers)

Meeting called to order by: Michelle at 7:50 pm

Review of General Minutes of November 16,2021 **Moved:** Linda Ainsworth **Seconded:** Agnes Rowe

Going forward in the year 2022 – CWL General Meetings will **not** be held every month, but only when new business or information is to be disclosed to, or gathered from our CWL Members. At such times, members will be notified of the date of the CWL General Meeting. As always, all information can be viewed online by clicking on this link below:

<https://www.cwlstjoseph.com/general-meeting>

Summarized Instructed Vote.

Please see our website: <https://www.cwlstjoseph.com/general-meeting>

Agreed with motions except for the below:

1. Proposed name change of 'Lady of Good Council' to 'Lady of Guadeloupe'
 - CWL can have multiple patron saints, no need to incur any costs associated with a change, considering we can keep Lady of Good Council and add Lady of Guadeloupe
 - **** MEMBERS PRESENT AGREED/VOTED to NOT ACCEPT CHANGE** due to associated cost **
2. Membership fee increases
 - 2012 was the last membership increase
 - Proposed increase 2023 – if no increase then serious cuts to services
 - Estimated that League investments will decrease by 50% in 2023 and **by 2026 the League will be dissolved** if we don't take action now
 - Different views shared on what people can afford – suggested daughters to join and support mothers, consider giving up a coffee or lunch out, monthly payment, and a maximum gradual increases of \$5.00
 - **** MEMBERS PRESENT DID NOT AGREE/VOTE** on this motion. It requires further discussion, but we will be able to have a final vote by the deadline of MARCH 2022. **

Instructed votes for each Parish council are to be signed on physical forms by the Secretary and President. We will receive a set of these forms in February 2022 for signing and delivery to national.

Clarification of the three (3) Standing Committees as below:

- ✚ **Faith (Spiritual Development):** (Michelle Lange)
 - Evangelize, promote spiritual growth and encourage others to: -- Pray, uphold the sanctity of life, study Catholic teachings, stress the importance of the role of women in the church, foster vocations, advance ecumenical and interfaith endeavours.
- ✚ **Service:** (Linda Ainsworth)
 - Encourage others to: -- promote activities in service to members and parish, advocate for and support services for the homelessness, poverty, anti-bullying, anti-racism, prevent human trafficking, educate others about charitable needs, mission assistance at home and abroad
- ✚ **Social Justice:** (Joan Miller)
 - Encourage others to: -- uphold the life and dignity of the human person, advocate for the poor and vulnerable and their inclusion in society, advocate for dignity of work and equal rights of workers, care for God's creations, educate members and keep them informed of relevant social justice issues, initiate resolutions on relevant issues

New Business:

- St. Joseph Catholic Church updates (*Fr. Craig*)
 - Welcome desk – 2 pages for CWL to be given to Fr. Craig for the Church Ministries brochure
 - [Work in Progress - Hazel to work with father on getting brochures for Ministries due next year 2022.](#)
- 2022-2024 nominations for Executive team Treasurer and Secretary – still no takers.

Correspondence:

- Members should have been receiving their CWL Newsletters in the mail these past 2 months
- St. Joseph Church electronic bulletin is constantly updated on the church website at <https://stjoeschurch.ca/>
- Omicron has killed attendance in church
- Parish office is closed and Cindy is working from home primarily
- NO choir, no singers, Hall is closed except for the food bank
- Members are contracting covid and it takes roughly two (2) weeks to heal
- Fr. Craig is meeting with our ministries for input on the church brochure for the Welcome desk
- Forwarded to all CWL members the Fundraiser ideas in the word document provided by Linda Ainsworth at this meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:**Treasurer's Report:**

- Budget updates – as per previous meeting agreements the budget remains the same until 2022
- 2021 proposed donations completed except for Bethesda House (no letter requesting funds from Bethesda House)
- Member donations for 2021 – total of **\$3,295.00**
- Donations and membership fees continue to be deposited
- 2022 Budget baseline is the same as 2021, pending actual expenditures.

Organization: (*Hazel*)

- Membership statistics & updates:
- Website updates monthly at <https://www.cwlstjoseph.com/>
- CWL bulletin board at our church
- Awaiting the transfer of banking signing authority from past treasurer Lauren

Spiritual: (*Michelle*)

- Special Intentions for:
 - Stephanie Noonan, Joan Elgar, Ruth Lawson and Pat Landers

Education and Health: (*Linda Ainsworth*)**FUND RAISERS**

- BELL Let's talk day / video, encourage Canadians to support each other and donates 0.05 for each communication made using the various communication tools. The associated attachment was sent separately to all members explaining this.
- Horizons of Hope – found on CCCB.ca, under key issues suffering and end of life. This information was also shared with all CWL members in an email forwarded from Linda A. detailing how the tool kit is approved and used for donations. (refer to funding for: Horizons of Hope – Palliative care)
- Our League is committed to Canadian Life Services – getting 200 people to donate blood. See website blood.ca and use code CATH011269

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

Other business:

- Origins of St. Joseph's CWL – dates, pictures, articles
- Monthly Social – Next up Valentine's Day February 16,2022 with Linda Ainsworth
- We still could not get volunteers for the Treasurer and Secretary Executive positions

- We have volunteers for the 3 standing committees as listed above
- Anne Campbell wishes to transfer to our CWL Parish Council. We are awaiting the details for her. An email hopefully.
- **HELP WANTED:** Joan Elgar is being helped by Mary Joe and Lorraine Ryan lives next to Susan Drever and is in touch with her. They are both fine.

Actions:

- Consider ways to increase our Church and CWL memberships. Get a more effective recruiting process. Discuss further at our next meeting
- Consider and plan for a CWL Social immediately following the end of COVID restrictions. We will discuss at our next meeting
- Get our Gaming License for our online raffles and Lottery
- Plan for our Quarterly Luncheons or afternoon tea parties for new CWL/Church members
- Plan for simpler, shorter meetings, include fun aspects as well, such as songs, pics, videos for sharing
- Valentine's Day Social on Feb 16, 2022 – will include Linda making us the Moscow Mule drink with (vodka, ginger bear, lime and ice)

Meeting closed: 9:30 pm

Moved: Linda Ainsworth

Seconded: Pauline Schumacher

Next General Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 7:45pm – Hybrid Meeting based on Covid Restrictions

Closing Prayer: Michelle Lange