



General Meeting attendees: Fr. Craig, Mary Hatcher, Margo Dallaire, Ruth Michaud, Agnes Rowe, Peggy Cerrone, Aileen MacPherson, Susie Drever, Joan Greer, Sheila Kelly, Erin Coles, Susan Wood, Joan Miller, Donna Benezenleitner, Linda Ainsworth, Heidi Minuti

Executive Team attended: Michelle Lange, Hazel Degazon

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

Meeting called to order by: Hazel DeGazon at 8:05PM

General Minutes Oct 25, 2022. **Moved by:** Joan Greer **Seconded by:** Agnes Rowe

Guest Speaker: *Anna Yu* – about the Simbang Gabi and how CWL can help.

- Filipino Christmas Tradition – Masses held 9 evenings before Christmas
- Hosted by various church ministries
- Masses are performed by various priests both local and visiting.
- There is fellowshiping / potluck after the mass which is held at 7:00pm
- It is highly suggested that we attend one of the Novena Masses prior to our mass.

The request to have CWL host December 22, 2022 – Simbang Gabi was moved by: **Heid Minuti** and Seconded by: **Linda Ainsworth** and everyone in attendance was in favour.

CWL is hosting on December 22, 2022, evening MASS at 7:00PM:

- Priest is given a gift of \$100.00
- Musician (Jackie) is paid \$75.00
- Help toward snacks for that evening \$25.00 – is given to Rena
- CWL Prayer Intention taken from the list of CWL National options to be given to Rena
- Reader at this mass is: Joan Miller
- Greeters at the church entrance: Joan Greer, Sheila Kelly, and Susie Drever
- Rosary before mass: Heidi Minuti
- Offertory volunteers: (any 3 people available)
- Agnes Rowe is making her special melt in your mouth short bread cookies
- Anyone attending can bring snacks or food for sharing
- Communicate everything to Rena

Spiritual Director: Fr. Craig

- We need to start focusing on building our church community with more social events.

TEAM >>Treasurer, Secretary & Administration: [WANTED]

Successes:

- Thanks to Joan Miller for following up on the last session with the Bishop on November 19, 2022
- Craft sales-continue last Sunday Nov 20, 2022 – \$95.00 (Thank you to Sheila and Joan)
- Completion of our Tablecloth of embroidered deceased members
- Thanks to our CWL members that participate and are involved in the success of other church ministries.
- Our CWL Ladies are awesome and helped with the St. Vincent de Paul and the collaboration across all ministries of the Gather Group, Kindred Spirits, Choir, Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Assisting refugees,
- The St. Joseph team assist the St. Vincent Pallotti food kitchen in Oshawa and so much more.
- Joan Miller and Fr. Craig attended the bishop's final session in November. The session was successful:
 - It was empowering to be with together, sharing ideas and making decisions, talking about the figure of our Parish and the need for hospitality and community. It was sad to hear that some churches are being closed due to lack of attendance, participation. Our St. Joseph Bowmanville Parish is still thriving and to stay alive we really need to go all out and bring in our new members, share our faith and be involved in our community.
- Thank you, Ladies.

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: (Hazel)

- National Fee increased to \$25. (*It was passed at the National Convention*)
 - > Going forward 2023 membership fees will be set at a minimum of: \$35.00 (balance of \$1.55)
- Dues are coming in now. Thank you, Ladies,

Organization: (Hazel)

Membership statistics & updates. (New members since 2020 – 2022 = 4)

Spiritual: (Michelle)

- Special Prayer Intentions for: Ukraine and our members
- List of Deceased members for deceased mass on November 22, 2022.
- Mass for Mary Chisholm has been moved to December 1, 2022, at 8:00AM

Christian Family Life/Education: (Linda Ainsworth)

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

NEW Business:

1. Discussion of possible Christmas social on December 4, 2022

- There will not be a Christmas Social this year. It will be put off until next year 2023 Spring Social

2. Peggy Cerrone – Spoke on the Lottery Account and Money:

- To run Raffles for our bazaar – we require a Raffle License. Any funds earned from that raffle can only be deposited to the 'Lottery' account
- Use of the Lottery account does require a yearly report to be given to the 'Town'.
- Lottery money should be spent specific community related assistance. (. e.g., Bowmanville Hospital, St. Vincent de Paul, Bethesda House, \$500.00 to the High School etc.
- To donate to any community charity like those referenced above, the charity will have to:
 1. Provide us with a letter requesting assistance
 2. We then write a cheque to them
 3. We MUST get a tax receipt and a 'Thank you' letter from them as well

3. Susan Wood – Will get in touch with anyone who might be interested in a Christmas lunch. She will advise on whether it is still possible, the venue, date/time, and associated costs.

Correspondence

1. Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
2. Development and Peace
3. Thank you from Family of Mary Chisholm-Nisbet for the funeral and Mass
4. Thank you letter from Fr. Stephen De Carlo for the \$300.00 donation to the seminarian: Peter Bissonette (pastoral internship) and Christian Parker (final year of philosophy)
5. Catholic Missions in Canada (Fall 2022 volume 47, #3 – small magazine)

Action Items:

1. Finalize our Donations for 2023
2. Bazaar – possibly end of spring
3. Decide on how the Lottery should be spent on the Parish. – (Input from Peggy Cerrone)
4. Christmas Auction – by Linda Ainsworth – will not happen this year.
5. CWL Christmas Social – will not happen this year.

Back log:

1. Clean up our CWL drawers at the church
2. Organize and keep historical pictures
3. Get power point from Susan of our last CWL May luncheon

Meeting closed: 9:05PM Moved by: Susan Wood Seconded by: Sheila Kelly Next Meeting: Jan 17, 2022, at 7:45pm

Please check our CWL St. Joseph's website for all updates referenced in meeting minutes, agendas, fundraisers, events etc.
<https://www.cwlstjoseph.com>

Closing Prayer: Prayer for Ukraine & Fr. Craig/Michelle Lange

APPENDIX -A – Proposed Donations

EXPENSES - Donations	2023	2023
	Proposed	Actual
<u>Parish</u>		
Gifts to clergy staff	350	
Gifts for Sacraments		
Parish hall equipment		
Parish fund		
Priest Fund	100	
Guest Speakers		
CWL Parish Operating Expenses		
Youth group		
Parish Events		
Vocations	250	
<u>Diocesan</u>		
Seminarian Fund	500	500
Good Shepherd		
<u>Missions</u>		
Development and Peace		
Canadian Missions		
Matercare International		
Net Ministries		
<u>League Development</u>		
Training Courses		
Spiritual masses and retreats	160	
Convention subsidies		
<u>Pro-Life</u>		
Pro-Life Rally		
Team Clarington		
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition		

<u>Community Organizations</u>		
Seniors/ Shut-ins (gifts/ parties)		
St. Vincent de Paul - Needy (food bank, shelters)	1500	
Clarington Project		
Bowmanville Hospital		
Kindred Spirits	300	
EXPENSES – Donations continued	2023	2023
	Proposed	Actual
<u>Catholic Education</u>		
Scholarships and Awards (St. Stephen Catholic High School)	500	
<u>One-Time Donations</u>		
Durham Region Hospice	500	
World Day of Prayer & Ecumenical Dinner		
Medical Brigade		
Heart & Stroke		
Honduran Children Insurance		
CNEWA Christians in Middle East		
Bethesda House	1500	
Friends of Honduran Children		
St. Josephs Dinner - 2 tickets		
Our Lady of the Wayside		
100th Anniversary CWL		
Autism Home Base		
Total	5,660	