

WERE PRESENT: Ruth Michaud, MollyAnn Thomas, Linda Ainsworth, Joan Greer, Sheila Kelly, Michelle Lange, Hazel DeGazon, Linda Trimble, Suzie Drever, Cindy Martin, Heidi Minuti.

1. WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER: Hazel called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. Michelle led members present in the *Patron Saint Prayer, Land Acknowledgement,* and *Reconciliation Prayer.*

2. MINUTES of the October 17-2023 Meeting: Linda Ainsworth moved, and Ruth Michaud seconded to approve the minutes as circulated. The motion carried.

3. SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(a) **Request for Student Bibles:** The PVNC Catholic School Board does not provide Bibles for classroom use. Our CWL Council received a \$ 300.00 request from the St. Joseph's Catholic School (Bowmanville) to purchase Bibles for students to use at school. Fr. Craig proposed to purchase 75 Bibles as gifts for Saint Joseph's Church *Confirmandi* at thirty dollars per Bible.

(b) **Pastoral Planning Meetings:** Improving Communication and Hospitality are February 2024 meeting topics. The meeting is open to CWL members. Father Craig suggested that our CWL Council send a representative to attend these meetings.

(c) World Union of Catholic Women's Organization: St. Joseph's Church's (Bowmanville) Nigerian parishioners launched a ladies' organization to support new mothers.

(d) Valentine's Day Date Night: February 14, 2024, falls on Ash Wednesday. A young couple proposed a meat-less gathering at the Parish Hall.

(e) Feast of St. Joseph the Worker: Fr. Craig suggested a Parish Potluck to celebrate the feast of our parish's Patron Saint.

4. BAZAAR 2023 REPORT: Co-conveners Agnes Rowe and Linda Ainsworth reported:

• A total of 4,883.25 was raised surpassing the total of funds raised last year.

The top four fund-raisers were:	
Penny Table Sales amounted to:	\$ 1,175.00
Baking Table made:	979.10
Craft Table fetched	600.0
Tea Room Sales netted	515.25

Please see attached detailed 2023 Bazaar Income Statement.

- Thank-You cards were sent to Bazaar Sponsors, Donors, and KoC members.
- Penny Table Tickets will be stored in our CWL cabinet.
- CWL tablecloth must be updated.

Please see the attached list of the 2023 Bazaar sponsors.

5. NOVEMBER LUNCHEONS: Sheila Kelly and Joan Greer reported that they successfully catered to November funeral reception that brought in \$960.00

6. TREASURER'S REPORT: Hazel Degazon presented the account summary from Jan. 01 to November 20, 2023.

- Petty Cash \$ 47.05
- Chequing Account: \$ 19,898.48 • Revenue: Funeral Luncheons - \$ 7,740.00 Applefest -751.00 Bazaar -4,883.25 (\$4,563.00 + 270.25) -----\$13,324.25 **Expenses: Donations** 3,635.60 Reimbursements 3,967.70 -----\$7,603.30
- Savings / Lottery \$2,448.41 less \$25.00 Administration Fees

<u>MOTION</u>: Ruth Michaud moved, and Hazel Degazon seconded that: \$1,500.00 be donated to the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank. <u>The motion carried.</u>

- Outstanding 2023 SVP Food Bank Donation: \$ 1,500.00
- St. Joseph's School classroom Bibles \$385.60 (total cost shared with the KoC Council 6361)

NEW TREASURER: A sincere thank-you to Linda Ainsworth who accepted the position as St. Joseph's Parish CWL Council Treasurer. Three new signing authorities will be arranged.

8. ORGANIZATION: (Hazel Degazon) no updates.

9. CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE/EDUCATION: (Joan Miller/Linda Ainsworth) no report.

10. SPIRITUAL: (Michelle Lange)

- **Prayer for Peace.** Untold numbers of people around the world long for peace.
- **Prayer for our sisters in the League:** we pray for those who are sick and their care givers.
- **Development & Peace:** Up-dates are available online.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

(a) *Christmas Social:* Linda Ainsworth offered to book Dec. 01-2023 reservations at Swiss Chalet.

(b) *Poinsettas*: Agnes Rowe agreed to make inquiries about CWL members living in Senior Residence Facilities. If no flowers can be sent there, she will arrange for Christmas Cards to be delivered.

- (c) Next CWL meetings: January 16, 2024, <u>from 4:00 6:00 p.m.</u>
- (d) St. Joseph's Parish Council CWL Website: Hazel will train Heidi Minuti how to update the site.

https://www.cwlstjoseph.com/

(e) **CWL Annual Report Survey:** Hazel will submit the information to the CWL National Council before the December 15 deadline.

(f) Correspondence: received

- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition updates
- Catholic Mission in Canada Psalms of Praise, 2024 Calendar, large poster
- Catholic Missions in Canada Fall 2023 Volume 48 #

12. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER: Linda Trimble moved, and Sheila Kelly seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. <u>The motion carried.</u> Closing Prayers were recited.