



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

CORPUS CHRISTI CWL COUNCIL

President: Sandra Henderson

Spiritual Advisor: Fr. Pat

National Theme: Here I am Lord, Send Me.

Provincial Theme: Joyfully Serving the Lord.

Diocesan Theme: Renewing God's Fire Within Us.

CWL REGULAR MEETING Minutes– March 13th, 2024.

PRAYER:

We humbly pray you, O God our Father, to bless the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Bless our beloved country, our homes, and families. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to give light to our minds and strength to our wills that we may know and fulfill your great law charity. Teach us to share with others, at home and abroad, the good things you have given us. This we ask, through our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Good Counsel. AMEN

Prayer to Our Lady of Good Council: God of heavenly wisdom, you have given us Mary, Mother of Jesus, to be our guide and counselor. Grant that we may always seek her motherly help in this life and so enjoy her blessed presence in the life to come. Amen.

Welcome: Sandy Henderson – 10:00 am Meeting called to order.

Spiritual Reflection: Donna Rush – reminded everyone of the St. of the Cross at 3pm Fridays before Easter. Hail Mary was said for the ill members. Presented a beautiful story of St. Sister Faustina and the origination and significance of the Divine Mercy prayer and chaplet.

Correspondence & Communication: - Ann Antonishen.

Minutes from the Feb 14th Regular Meeting were read. There were no errors or omissions. Minutes adopted as read.

Donhauser and Merkel thank you cards were read.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Federico – Net balance of the CWL account to date is \$10,585.81.

We continue to fundraiser to help cover the cost of the church kitchen renovations.

Service (Health & Education): Jennie Sali, Madeleine Burnell & Betty Bosley

Funeral lunch for Fred Donhauser - approx. 120 in attendance.

Cards were sent to Teresa Afonso, Paula Meade, and Linda Merkel.

Verna Hoffman is in hospital.

There are 5 applications received for the COBBS bursary. Presentation to the successful recipient will be made at the graduation in June.

Jennie Sali and 7 other members attended the World Day of Prayer at Faith Lutheran.

Membership/Council Report: Marg Ward – reported there are 96 paid members.

Birthdays and anniversaries were announced for March and Happy Birthday was sung to all members that were celebrating. New membership lists were handed out to all members present.

Vice President Report: Paulette Wolfe – researched her responsibilities as VP. Reported on upcoming events – St. Patrick's Day tea March 16th in Lake Country. St. of the Cross will be hosted by CWL on March 22nd, 2024, and all members are encouraged to attend. All members were encouraged to attend the Women's Spring Retreat at ICC on April 13th, 2024, and the Diocesan Convention in Summerland May 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2024 in Summerland.

Historian Report: Elaine Senger/Evelyn Vielvoye – 29 members present at meeting today.

Social justice Report: Gloria Chopik – Mass for the unborn will be held at ICC on May 9th @6:30pm. World Day of Prayer on March 1st – writing for this year’s video was by Palestine, the theme “I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love” Ephesians 4:1-3. An olive branch symbol of Peace was given to all those in attendance. All information is available on the website – WICC.org.

Past President Report: Caroline Ann-Alter – Food Safe Course is available online.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ann & Marg - ICC 1 day Retreat - Registration deadline is April 1st. The cost is \$40.00. Registration forms and agenda were handed out to all members at the meeting today.

Caroline - The 88th Diocesan Convention will be hosted by Summerland May 2-5th, 2024. Caroline has Registration Forms, agenda, and hotel information.

Janet O’Flynn – Corpus Christi Prayer Group was deferred to **Donna Rush**. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting and all members interested in participating signed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flo Wood announced that there is a Lenten Retreat at St. Charles Garnier church on March 23rd from 9am – 3pm. Lunch is provided and the cost is \$20.00.

Gloria – \$163.00 was collected for Fr. Pat’s 63rd Birthday today. Caroline made a motion to present all the money to Fr. Ann Antonishen 2nd motion. Motion carried. Gloria will present it to Father on Easter Sunday.

Marie Federico – fund raiser suggestions, a Mother’s Day tea, a spaghetti dinner, a Father’s Day celebration. Marie informed us that we would need a sign in front of the church when we are having these events to attract more attendance.

Caroline - Food Safe Course for the kitchen leads – is available online and certificates should be posted in the kitchen. CWL can pay the cost of the course.

OTHER ITEM/S of Interest:

Sandy - “Lenten Encounter” Webinar of Prayer & Reflection (hand out)

Thank You to Sandy Henderson and Marie Federico for providing the coffee, cookies and special birthday cake today.

Caroline Ann-Alter and Ann Antonishen will provide the coffee and snacks for the April 10th meeting.

Ann - Regular Meeting minutes will be posted on the Corpus Christi website after Easter.

Next Executive Meeting – April 3rd, 2024 @9:45 am.

Next Regular Meeting – April 10th, 2024 @10 am.

Motion to adjourn today’s meeting @ 11:29 am Paulette Wolfe Motion 2nd. By Jo Schowalter.

The meeting adjourned with the following prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER:

My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you and to show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my mind, my heart, my whole being, without reserve. Wherefore good Mother as I am yours, keep me, guard me as your property and possession. AMEN

Secretary, Ann Antonishen

Date signed.

President, Sandra Henderson

Date signed.