



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 – April 10th, 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 – meeting called to order at 10am. Sandy introduced and welcomed the new members – Wilma Bruder and Sue Giffen.

Spiritual Reflection: Donna Rush - Wilma's request to help with prayers for the 88th Diocesan Convention. Donna is waiting to discuss this with Wilma. Donna provided the description of the Shroud of Turin including a prayer paying tribute to the shroud.

Correspondence & Communication: - Ann Antonishen.

Minutes from the Mar 13th, 2024 Regular Meeting. No Errors or Omissions. Minutes carried as read. National – sponsoring a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Friday April 26th on the Daily TV Mass website or YouTube. Check your channel for the airtime.

Molly Boucher Bursary – Poster containing application & registration information in church foyer. Application deadline is April 30, 2024.

Our Lady of Good Council Feast Day – Friday, April 26th. Mass and Potluck at ICC @ 5pm Bring a dish for the potluck.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Federico – Balance to date - \$11,160.01. National has not taken out the 2024 membership fees and we continue to fund raise to cover the cost of the kitchen renovations.

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

Funeral for Teresa Afonso is April 20th at 1 am with Honor Guard. Repose Mass for Teresa on June 13th. Karoly Gabore funeral April 18th at 11am. Jennie continues to phone members for their birthdays and anniversaries. Kelowna Right to Life Event on May 18th, cost is \$75.00 includes dinner and speaker Dr. Abby Johnson.

Membership/Council Report: Marg Ward – 98 Paid members.

Vice President Report: Paulette Wolfe – Recommended watching the Story of Moses on Netflix.

Historian Report: Elaine Senger/Evelyn Vielvoye – 25 members present at meeting today.

Social justice Report: Gloria Chopik - Annual Mass for LIFE on Thursday, May 9th @ 6:30 pm Immaculate Conception. Coffee to follow in the hall.

Gloria handed out a document she received from Sebastian Lukomski of the CitizenGO team.

CitizenGO is a group of citizens that put themselves at the frontlines to defend our core values of life, family, and freedom. CitizenGo's presentation at the UN's 68th Commission on the Status of Women covered the following topics at this event -free abortion, sexual orientation, sexual/gender identity and sexualization of children.

Summerland Convention - Keynote Presentation Friday, May 3rd @ 12:30 – Preventing Sexual Exploitation of Youth.

Past President Report: Caroline Ann-Alter – Strongly stressed the need for all members to attend conventions, retreats, parish potlucks. The importance of connecting and praying with other members from other parishes at these conventions/retreats is extremely comforting especially when we face loss and adversity in our lives. Caroline urged all members attend the ICC Mass and potluck to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel on Friday, April 16th at 5pm.

A **\$500.00 subsidy** is available to members to attend Provincial Convention in Kamloops June 20-22, 2024. Caroline has the subsidy forms if anyone is interested.

Caroline also made a motion for the members windup meeting on June 12th to be a potluck. Marg Ward 2nd that motion. Motion carried. The evening event would include a very short meeting, presentation of service pins and door prizes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ann & Marg - ICC 1 day Retreat – April 13th, 2024, 9am - 4pm- 50 registered.

Jo Schowalter agreed to demonstrate the art of growing sprouts at the May Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Theresa Versluys made a motion that we organize a Pasta fundraising event on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, at 5pm. Menu would consist of pasta, a meat sauce, an alternative sauce, Caesar salad, garlic toast and dessert for \$15.00 per plate. A vote was taken, and all were in favor of a pasta event. Theresa also offered to arrange for a sign in front of the church as these events show our commitment to the community.

Theresa also questioned the posting of our Regular Meeting minutes on the Corpus Christi web site, especially regarding our financial information. It was decided that only the net balance for the amount will be included in the minutes with the caveat that we continue to fund raise for the renovation of our church kitchen.

The following item was deferred to our May 8th Regular Meeting due to time constraints today.

Sandy – To open dialogue regarding:

How can we include older and younger members in our CWL?

Sandy's investigation of the member list revealed the following:

Number of Members	Number of Years
21	Less than 5
10	Less than 10
21	More than 40
13	More than 50

Sandy will be contacting the first group of 21 over the next few months.

Are you mentoring another member? This is for succession planning for the executive positions. An example – how can we mentor our members to step into executive positions in 2 years.

OTHER ITEM/S of Interest:

Springfield Funeral Home – invitation to a Catholic Estate & Funeral Planning event @ ICC parish hall on Tuesday – May 7th at 5pm. The event is free and there will be a complimentary dinner.

Caroline Ann-Alter and Ann Antonishen provided coffee and snacks today.

Next Executive Meeting – May 1st, 2024 @9:45 am.

Next Regular Meeting – May 8th, 2024 @10 am. **Reminder** - Snacks by: Sharon Daly, Mary Cacchioni and Sue Giffen.

Motion to adjourn today’s meeting Paulette Wolfe. Motion 2nd. Marg Ward.

The meeting adjourned @ 11:40 am 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.