



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– May 15th, 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 – Called the meeting to order at 10:05 am with the opening prayer.

Spiritual Reflection: Flo Wood – presented an in-depth story on the life of Pope John Paul.

Correspondence & Communication: - Ann Antonishen

Read minutes of April 10th meeting. Any errors or omissions. Minutes carried as read.

Thank You cards received from Immaculata Regional High School for donating to the Alpha course.

Thank You note from Teta Gabor and a \$100.00 donation for funeral luncheon.

Request for donation to Okanagan Catholic Family Camp – this camp is supported by all catholic churches in the Okanagan, CWL and Knights of Columbus. Paulette made a motion that we donate \$150.00 and Marie Federico second the motion. Motion carried per unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Federico – Balance to date - \$13, 694.78. Fund raising activities are ongoing to help pay for the church kitchen renovations.

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

Kelowna Right to Life Event on May 18th, cost is \$75.00 includes dinner and speaker Dr. Abby Johnson. Madeleine bought gifts and presented them to the 4 children for confirmation. COBBS bursary applicant has been selected but the name remains confidential at this time. Jennie reported that a funeral lunch for 35 was served by Marie Federico's group for Leona (Lee) Vandermeer's funeral on May 8th. Jennie continues to phone all members celebrating birthdays/anniversaries.

Membership/Council Report: Marg Ward – 98 members to date.

Janet O'Flynn has started work on a list that will sort members names by first their name and then names can be cross referenced to the official members list.

Vice President Report: Paulette Wolfe - Report on the Diocesan Convention of May 3rd and 4th.

Paulette said it was probably the best convention she has attended, and she shared some highlights about the speakers of BRAVE and some of the testimonials that were given by attendees that strongly feel prayer has helped them recover from atrocities in their lives.

Historian Report: Elaine Senger/Evelyn Vielvoye – 23 members were present today.

Social justice Report: Gloria Chopik - Email from Okanagan Pregnancy Care Centre reporting that the 1.5-million-dollar mortgage has been paid off in just 22 months thanks to the support of the CWL.

Past President Report: Caroline Ann-Alter – 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.

Report on Diocesan Convention – Ann read the report for Caroline and the report was regarding, testimonials provided by those attending the conference that strongly believe prayer has helped them cope with major crisis they have faced in their life.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Janet O’Flynn introduced Jo Schowalter to demonstrate the art of growing sprouts. Jo’s demonstration and information with regards to growing different sprouts as well as the health benefits of sprouts was very well received by all.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pasta fundraising event on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, at 5pm. \$15.00 per plate. Jack Prost will make the sauce/s. Take-out will be available.

CWL to cover the cost of signage that should be out in front of the church for June 1st and to be paid for with CWL funds.

Kate Evans has officially resigned as Team Lead for funeral luncheons. It is critical that this position be filled soon.

Sandy will be contacting the first group of 21 CWL members that have been members for less than 5 years to gain some insight as to why they do or do not attend meetings and what they would like to see at our meetings that would spark their interest in becoming actively involved. What would make them feel welcome? 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:

A Thank you to Mary Cacchioni, Sharon Dally and Sue Giffen for providing wonderful snacks and coffee today.

Next Executive Meeting – June 5th, 2024 @9:45 am.

Next Regular Meeting – June 5th, 2024 @5pm for service pin presentation followed by a potluck supper at 6pm. Members are asked to bring their own plates and cutlery. The members guests/partners are welcome.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Marg Ward. Motion Seconded by Gloria Chopik.

The meeting adjourned @11:43 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.