

**Church of the Assumption  
Catholic Women's League of Canada  
DRAFT Regular Minutes of Jan 12, 2017**

19 members were present, including Fr. Tepoorten.

**Meeting called to order** by Lu at 7:45 pm at St Joseph's Centre Conference Room after Mass.

**Opening Prayer**

**Agenda** presented by Lu. **Adoption of Amended Agenda moved:** Eva **Second:** Theresa. Passed.

**Minutes of Dec 3, 2016 Regular Meeting:** Accepted

**Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Father Tepoorten** thanked the CWL for the contribution from the Bazaar and all the hard work and organization.

**Reports:**

**Spiritual-** Helen Oulette spoke about the need for prayer, making a commitment for daily prayer and asking the Holy Spirit for guidance in prayer. She also spoke about making a commitment for the rosary.

**Presidents Report-** Flowers and a thank you was given to Gail Formosa for all her work. She is officially retired as Past- President.

I am pleased to be serving as your new president. Thank you to all of the people who have supported and instructed me over the last couple of years. Thank you also to the new executive and the members that agreed to stand again.

Please remember as we journey together this year that I have only been a CWL member for 2 years and that there is an enormous amount that I do not know. So please be patient and forgiving with me.

MLA visit- Evelyn Rigby and I had an appointment with MLA Nicholas Simons on January 11 to present him with 95 signatures on the recent petition dealing with issues arising from bill C-14.

We had a good discussion with Mr. Simons about the petition, it's content, the issues around conscientious objection and how petitions are presented in the house. He assured us that he would present our petition and gave us more time to gather signatures since the house does not sit till late February.

### **Treasure's Report**

Pia presented a provisional budget for 2017 for review, this will be discussed at the

executive meeting.

Opening balance	\$18951.86
Cheques written	\$14,194.40
Deposit made	\$1085.00
Closing balance	\$5,842.46

**Organization-**The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

### **League Objects**

The objects of the League shall be to unite Catholic women of Canada:

1. to achieve individual and collective spiritual development
2. to promote the teachings of the Catholic church
3. to exemplify the Christian ideal in home and family life
4. to protect the sanctity of life
5. to enhance the role of women in church and society
6. to recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere
7. to uphold and defend Christian education and values in the modern world
8. to contribute to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony

Reading and sharing this with you gives me a real sense of belonging to a very worthy organization as a woman, and proud to be a CWL member. We often feel so involved in our own lives and busy we may even sometimes experience insensitivity to the needs of our

sister members. After having taken some time this past week reviewing material on my position, I'm excited about the possibilities to help our League grow and help members feel comfortable reaching our League objectives, and remaining sensitive to each other's need. I'm looking forward to recruiting new members, personally visiting our current members, and doing some goal setting, team building and setting some long range plans for activities to include some social and fun stuff to achieve our potential as Catholic Women.

Betty Rae

**Christian Family Life-** Rita is involved with ministering to a family in need and is asking for on going support for that family. Karen Prentice has a total of \$150.00 of food vouchers that she has purchased with previous donations from the members. Because of this donation Rita did not make a motion to support this family.

Rita had three hospital visits three in December and one home visits.

Rita Desilets

**Education and Health:** The province has given power River \$400,000 for funding for hospice beds in the community. It may take some time before any facility is established. \$1 million in provincial funding has been designated for improved access to hospice/palliative care Powell River, the Sunshine Coast and Squamish. The first choice is to stay at home but that requires support. The next best thing is hospice care in the community. It can be really great if it set up and staffed right. The Powell River Hospice Society president Heather Baldwin said that it is a solid step towards enhancing end of life care in the community.

Donna Beauchesne

**Communications** -No report

**Statue of the Blessed Virgin** – Taken by Lu Wuthrich

**Correspondence:**

1. Campaign Life Newsletter
2. CHABC Newsletter- succinct letter on Catholic position of assisted suicide.
3. Thank you note from family of Antoni Sylka, Donald Trombley.
4. Christmas Card Father Das
5. The Interim- Articles on Euthanasia in Netherlands and the election of Donald Trump.
6. Euthanasia Prevention
7. Thank you card from PEC

**Important Dates in 2017**

Installation Sunday and CWL Sunday combined- January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1000 AM mass

Christmas Party- Saturday Night, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, Granada, 6:30PM

Spring Rummage Sale- March 24-25

Prayers for Christian Unity- Sunday, Jan 22, 3:00 PM, St. David and St. Paul's Anglican Church, Townsite, Rev Faun-Harriman

Diocesan Council Meeting, Saturday Jan. 28, St. Matthews Church

# Catch the Fire Workshop-February 19, 2017 St Francis de dales

## Unfinished Business:

Executive:

President Elect	Betty Rae
Secretary	Roberta Meehan
Treasurer	Vacant- Pia Vallee has offered to fill this position
Spiritual Development	Helen Ouelette
Education and Health	Donna Beauchesne
Christian Family Live	Rita Desilets
Communication	Antoinette Knight
President	Lu Wuthrich
First Vice, Second Vice	Vacant
Legislation, Resolutions, Community Life	Linda Belanger is considering

Executive unfilled positions were discussed and more recruiting will be done at CWL Sunday.

Tabled: Plans to support new Seminarian are waiting for further Correspondence from Father Rodney Nootebos, Director of Vocations and Seminarrians.

### **New Business:**

Lu discussed the plan to continue Karen Prentices initiative of having every second meeting be a presentation meeting. The February Presentation will be a tape of a talk that Dr. Nuala Kenny gave on Medically Assisted Death in Palliative Care at the CWL convention last summer.

Pia Vallee asked if we could discuss changing the meeting time. After some discussion a vote on three possibilities was taken:

1. Leave time as is-3 votes
2. Change time to first Saturday of the month after morning mass- 8 votes.
3. Change time to 1:00 PM first Thursday of the month- 3 votes.

Lu will discuss a change to Saturday morning with Father.

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment- 845 PM**