

Church of the Assumption
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Regular Minutes of Feb 4, 2016

19 members present, including Fr. Tepoorten.

Meeting called to order by Karen at 7:40 pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre - Conference Room after Mass.

Opening Prayer led by Eva Dobozy and Fr. Patrick those present recited The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. For more cards: divinemercuryteam@sbcglobal.net

Agenda announced by Karen. Adoption of Agenda moved: Donna Second: Betty. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes of Jan 7, 2016 Regular Meeting: Accepted with one correction: The spelling of Liz's last name was corrected to Brach.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: (Father Tepoorten)

1. Many blessings. Our Parish Mission will be in February, visited by The Fathers of Mercy from Kentucky.
2. It is Catholic Schools week this week. Pray for a good year ahead.
3. The process for assisting a refugee family is quite complicated when working with many other stakeholders.
4. FISA Conference @ Canada Place
5. I will be traveling to the Philippines during spring break.

Correspondence (Karen) received since last meeting:

Registration Package for CWL Diocesan Convention
Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada Fall 2015 Magazine
The Interim Newspaper - Jan 2016
REALity Newsletter Real Women of Canada Nov/Dec 2015
Thank you card from "Hands Across the Water" refugee support group
Alzheimer Society Newsletter Winter 2016
Catholic Missions in Canada Highlights Newsletter Jan 2016
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition The Newsletter Jan 2016
Donation from Anna Pitton funeral
Letter from Jahera Uttam kale our Sponsor Family in India
Net Ministries of Canada Newsletter Issue No. 4, 2015
Card from Deacon Mark McGuckin (our Seminarian)
Donation of Canadian Tire Money for Lucky Seven Booth - Parish Bazaar
Thank you card from Tony Hannon
Thank you card from Margherita Vodola
Letter from Renata Nowakowska - Past President - St. Anthony's Parish Council

President (Karen):

1. Thank you to all the executive who spoke from the pulpit on CWL Sunday.
2. A letter from Renata asking for 7-10 door prizes from ea. Region 3 council and

under or around the \$10.00 - \$15.00 range.

3. On Feb 26 CWL members will be Reading as Mary, the Mother of Jesus for 14 stations of the Cross.

4. World Day of Prayer 2016 Cuba, dates have been set for planning meeting, practice session and ecumenical service - Fri Mar 4 @ 1:30pm with Welcome cafe following.

President Elect and Organization: (Lu)

There are 61 pd members and 49 not pd.

Treasurer: (Roberta)

Roberta asked for a motion to be reimbursed \$1100.00 for 42 plates at Gourmet Canton post Christmas Party in January. Margherita Vodola seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Balance:	Jan 01, 2016:	\$	5444.32
Expenses:		\$	3570.00
Income:		\$	<u>2854.95</u>
Closing Balance:	Jan 31, 2016:	\$	4729.37

Past President (Gail):

1. I have been helping Karen with details and advice re planning for CWL upcoming events.

2. I am back working on the archives.

Membership (Eileen Hannon):

Eileen delivered membership receipts as it is too expensive to mail them out. Antoinette has been helping distribute more.

Christian Family Life (Rita Desilets):

1. Lionel and I experienced the Love of the Lord in action when we attended the "Life in the Spirit" weekend seminar on Jan 29/30. The event was well run (food was provided by parish group) allowing more time to meditate.

2. Rita (and Lionel) made two home visits (Marg and Bonnie) and two hospital visits. If you know of someone who would like to receive a home visit email: rita.desilets@gmail.com.

3. Note cards were circulated for Mark McGuckin, our seminarian. Margherita Vodola will write during the month of June.

4. Pray for Government officials and doctors who are involved in euthanasia and doctor assisted suicide.

Education and Health (Donna Beauchesne):

1. I would like to suggest that members who receive "The Canadian League" read it and then pass their copy on to a prospective member. This is a way of encouraging others to join the CWL. They will be able to see the impact of a women's

organization with more than 85, 000 members.

2. Some of our members should take hospice training so that we can be a greater help to those who are dying. (note: Training Course Information - Dr. Susan Horsfall phone: (604) 485-2171)

3. Please write letters to your Member of Parliament as well as to the 16 members of the committee set up to evaluate (look at good picture/bad picture) the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Report from Parish Council Dec 2015 and January 2016 (Lu Wuthrich):

1. The Parish Education Committee reported Joan represented Assumption School at Powell River City Hall and received a \$50,000.00 grant for the school field and playground improvements. Assumption School will be partnering with Powell River Soccer Association in the improvements, as the latter will be using the field on the weekends.

2. Assumption School was awarded a second place finish in BC in the Coles/Indigo Adopt a School competition. Assumption was awarded \$7500 from Indigo, plus public donations, totalling \$12,000.00 in new books for our school library. Congratulations to everyone. School enrolment is slightly improved.

3. Betty now has enough funds to finish the floors in the Sacred Heart Church. This was the last improvement that is needed for Sacred Heart, so there will be a celebration planned in June.

4. On February 11th there will be an anointing of the sick before the school tea for seniors.

5. The February 13th mission will be presented by Father Joel Rogers of Kentucky (The Fathers of Mercy).

6. The Federal Government is currently overwhelmed by the Syrian refugees. Powell River had tentatively chosen a family of 10 but they will not be acceptable as they were from Iraq. We will be getting a family chosen following the new Federal Guidelines.

7. Faith and Light report included a very moving letter from one of our Faith and Light Communities in Syria.

8. Parish Council Minutes will be posted on the website (after they are corrected).

Unfinished Business:

Evelyn reported back that the Powell River Pro-Life group is willing to assist the CWL to bring Joanna Krawczynski [mailto:westerncanada@ncln.ca] National Campus Life Network (NCLN) to Powell River re presentation to the Parish Community on Pro-Life issues. The Powell River Pro Life Society ask that when you organize it, you choose any day except the day they have the Pro-Life Walk, Apr 23. Just contact Sharon Wright when you have your date organized, and can give them some idea of the cost of bringing in a speaker.

Evelyn provided information on refugees: The next meeting: Monday, February 29 @ 7pm, United Church (corner of Crofton & Duncan). The meetings are well run, take about an hour with group involvement following for half an hour. If you are interested in helping out in any way with transportation, please put your name with a contact phone # or email address on the sheet being circulated.

Note: for minutes of previous meetings and to join visit www.welcomerefugeepr.org/.

New Business:

Guest Speaker: Linda Belanger spoke about new Widows/Single Women prayer group. They hope for joy and fun activities, community life that is open and inclusive, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them. Patron Saint is St. Anne. They feel there is a need for this group in our parish community and are willing to help others to feel part of living in community by supporting each other (i.e. do you need a ride?). If you would like to donate seed money, prayer cards or rosaries, it would be used as seed money for pizza/movie night. We are having our an Introductory Tea Mar 19 from 1-3pm @ St. Joseph's Hall. Everyone welcome.

Names put forward as CWL readers for stations of the Cross: Mary, the Mother of Jesus @ 7pm Feb 26: Donna, Betty, Roberta, Evelyn and Eva

World Day of Prayer 2016 Cuba: Helpers for Setup: Christine Behan (Soup Kitchen) Betty, Gail, Eva. Helpers for Cleanup and washing of tablecloths: Gail, Lu.

Important Dates:

Feb 10, 2016: Ash Wednesday and the start of 40 Days for Life Campaign
Feb 11, 2016: World Day of the Sick
Feb 14-18, 2016: Parish Mission Week 9am & 7pm Confessions - Fr. Joel Rogers from Frs. of Mercy in Kentucky
Feb 18, 2016: WDOP - Planning Meeting - 7pm Board Room
Feb 21, 2016: CWL hosts Coffee & Muffins after 10am Mass
Feb 24, 2016: WDOP - Practice Meeting - 7pm Church of the Assumption
Feb 29, 2016: Refugee Meeting - United Church @ 7pm
Mar 4, 2016: World Day of Prayer 2016 Cuba - Ecumenical Service 1:30pm – Church of the Assumption - THEME: Receive children, Receive me
Mar 19, 2016: CWL Spring Rummage Sale 9:30-1:00pm Assumption Gym
May 1, 2016: 1st Holy Communion
May 5-7: CWL Vancouver Diocesan Convention - Sea to Sky Hotel - Squamish
May 14: Deacon Mark McGuckin (our seminarian) will be ordained into the priesthood - 12:00noon - Holy Rosary Cathedral
Jun 25, 2016: Confirmation

Next Meeting: CWL Executive meeting, Feb 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm, CWL Regular Meeting, Mar 3, 2016 at 7:45 pm after Mass

Closing Prayer: Led by Antoinette Knight, we practiced the NEW Our Lady of Good Counsel Hymn (see attached). Antoinette will replace the hymn sheets in the binder on the CWL shelf with the NEW (2015) Hymn by Mary Ertel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

attachment: Our-Lady-of-Good-Counsel-Hymn.pdf