

**Church of the Assumption  
Catholic Women's League of Canada  
Minutes of CWL Regular Meeting, May 7, 2017**

**Members present:**

18 CWL members

**This was a report/ business meeting.**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Lu Wuthrich 7:50 PM

**Opening Prayer:** Antoinette Knight

**Agenda:** Presented by Lu Wuthrich

**Adoption of Agenda:** Moved Lina Johnston    Seconded: Anita Silvestrini

Report by Father Tepoorten- Father reported on problems this year concerning the school.

A 25 year pin and flowers were given to Dorothy Condon.

Treasure's Report

Pia Valle

Opening balance	6,973
Cheques written	2,670
Deposit made	1,400
Closing balance	5,702

Cost of Our Lady of Good Council Tea-\$798 paid, \$648 collected from ticket

sales.

The raffle at the beginning of luncheon (thanks Pia and Lena) raised \$45.00 for Seismic Project

## **Spiritual**

Helen is away and asks us to pray for the release of the victims of Human Trafficking and the prevention of Trafficking itself.

## **Presidents Report**

Thank you to all the volunteers before the Luncheon and after and for those who attended and made it such a special event.

What a blessing it is to attend a CWL conference; this was my third, two Diocesan and one National. Betty and I got lots of ideas and you will be hearing about some of them in future meetings. For this meeting I would like to concentrate on the talk by Sister John Mary Sullivan titled “Developing your Spiritual Life. She used the Blessed Virgin as a model for women- we have an understanding of the cyclical nature of spirituality. She divided Mary’s life into

Virginal- free from sin, full of integrity, faithfully obedient waiting to give a gift of self.

Bridal- Awake to the other and longing for your beloved spiritually yearning for transcendence with God,

Spousal- committed to our spiritual life, in fact doggedly committed, a devoted life even if it is without joy, perhaps great ecstasy then dryness.

Mother- fruitfulness and spiritual contemplation and listening, and finally letting go. Mary

did not fight for Jesus life at the foot of the cross or rail against the Jews and Romans- she was open to his death

“God ordinarily reveals his indwelling presence not through visions but by prompting virtuous behavior. “She compared this to a pot boiling- you do not see the flame just the steam coming off the pot.

She asked – Do others know you have the life of Christ within you? That is what Mary’s life speaks of.

A few items that came up at at the meeting

There is a new Elizabeth Ministry devoted to mothers who have lost children or having trouble in relationships or with childbearing.

The Domestic Abuse services have experienced a 20% increase in overall calls and an increase in calls for males. They are working toward increasing bed capacity (right now they have 4 units) and have other groups working on helping them. Columbus charities give very low interest mortgages and guarantee the mortgage.

The president’s talks gave good ideas for encouraging membership and involvement in the League, several groups have changed to a Saturday AM meeting time with good success. In June we will do a survey to see how all of you are liking the presentation meetings and if you would like to change the day and time of the meetings.

We had a chance to talk to the new executive and were very impressed with Barbara Renaud who has been our spiritual guide but is now our President Elect

Organization-

Community Life-

Christian Family Life- Rita Desilets not at meeting

Communications-Discussion of signage for Plant Sale and bulletin.

Education and Health, Donna Beauchesne, and Community Life, Linda Belanger – these two reports are on the email

Statue of the Blessed Virgin taken by Germaine Kachaluba

### **New Business:**

Father and Lu discussed the parish support of the clinic in Indian proposed by an interested group of Parishioners

**Motion** by Lina Johnston, seconded by Betty Rae- All proceeds from the Plant Sale be given to the school for their needs. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Betty Rae, seconded by Olinta Berndt- Going forward Service Pins will be given for every 5 years of membership in the CWL. Pins will not be given retroactively.

There was a discussion about the necessity of this and the cost. Motion Passed.

**Motion** by Betty Rae, seconded by Eileen Hannon that the CWL put on a wine and cheese

party for members during the June meeting. Motion Passed. Father will be a designated driver.

**Motion** by Betty Rae, seconded by Olinta Berndt- CWL purchase commercial Luncheon Plates at a cost of \$525.36 for use during funerals. There was a discussion of the current plates and the need for a more suitable plate. Motion Passed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Yvonne Morrissey sent out 5 cards, 2 healing and 3 RIP.

May plant sale – Lena discussed logistics, cost of plants and times.

June Strawberry Tea- The convener is Eva Dobozy she will organize the cake, Margherita and other members will help.

The date will be, Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> (have 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary event in first two weeks)

The June meeting will include a survey of members about the meeting day and time and the new format of one presentation meeting alternating with a business/report meeting.

### **Correspondence received since last meeting-**

1. CHABC Newsletter
2. Thank you, Roberta Mehan and Anna and Alfred Massullo
3. Net- Youth Magazine
4. Catholic Missions of Canada
5. Birthright Vancouver

## 6. Agape Street Ministry

### **Important Dates**

Plant Sale, Drop off Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>, sale May 27<sup>th</sup> so remember set aside some plants when cleaning up your spring garden.

Strawberry Tea, Tuesday, 1:30 PM, June 20th

### **Next Meeting-**

**Closing Prayer-Antoinette Knight, Adjournment- 9:15 PM**

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