

**CWL Minutes of Regular Meeting
St. Joseph's Parish Centre Conference Room
November 3, 2016**

16 people present

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Karen Prentice, president

Opening prayer by Antoinette Knight

Spiritual Advisor Remarks - Father Tepoorten - rosary "Divine Mercy

Fr. Patrick thanked everyone involved re Oktoberfest 2016 (Oct 22). This Festival/Birthday Party was very well attended and fun was had by all. There was live music from Scout Mountain, a silent auction and a traditional meal compliments of Roberta Meehan. This event turned out to be a successful fundraiser organized by the friends of St. Gerard's.

Fr. Patrick explained what Plenary Indulgence means for those visiting the cemetery Nov 1-8. You can pray the Our Father and a Creed. Since the mid-80's there have been guidelines set out regarding full/partial plenary indulgence.

You can only receive one plenary indulgence per day. This is an offering (work) for the spiritual benefit of another person's soul. The release of punishment due to sin. Also for expediting forgiveness of "effects in time".

Adoption of Agenda - moved by Karen seconded by Betty

Correspondence since last meeting:

Food for Children Co-Workers - BC Division president Joe Krentz letter re two containers recently shipped to Haiti, request for funding to increase support to Haiti.

Invitation from Joe Krentz for us to attend presentation of the medal Benemerenti (to him by Archbishop of Vancouver Michael Miller) Nov 13, 2016 - 2:30pm. Registration deadline: Oct 28.

Funeral Catering cheque dated Oct 19, 2016 to CWL - forwarded to Roberta Meehan

The Powell River & District Christmas Cheer Committee Letter re request for donation, notice of AGM Oct 30, 2016 - Leslie Ford

Karen received from Evelyn Rigby: Petition from Provincial – Nov 1, 2016 - forwarded to Betty Rae. see copy on file

Karen received email from Evelyn Rigby re International Day of Prayer Oct 31, 2016 – forwarded to CWL members by email.

The Interim Newspaper October 2016

Catholic Health Association of BC letter to members re Nov 8 Training for Pastoral Care Volunteers

Net Ministries of Canada news magazine Issue 3, 2016

Coffee and Muffin donation cheque dated Oct 9, 2016 to CWL - forwarded to Roberta Meehan

President's Report - Karen Prentice

There was a pre-bazaar meeting held Oct 26. We are convening the Bazaar Nov 26 - we still need convenor(s) for plant booth

Treasurer's Report - Roberta Meehan

Opening Balance as of Sept. 30, 2016	\$ 5,755.72
Expenses	\$ 1,356.61
Deposits	\$ 338.25
Closing Balance	\$ 4,737.36

Standing Committee Reports:

Betty Rae has voiced her concern over the upcoming performance called "God Is a Scottish Drag Queen"

Legislation - Petition from Provincial - presented by Betty Rae

Evelyn Rigby - went to an Open Forum Coastal Health re protection for Palliative Care units and Hospice - urging your Health Board to avoid including assisted suicide and euthanasia in the operation of palliative care units and hospices. Report on file.

"The petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House enact and uphold laws that-

- will keep Hospice and Palliative care facilities separated from those that offer euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAiD)

- will implement regulations and policies that ensure respect for the freedom of conscience of all health-care workers and administrators who will not and cannot accept suicide or euthanasia as a solution to pain and suffering, petition is place at the Church entrance.

Unfinished Business:

Notice of Motion: Eileen Hannon has agreed to be secretary of elections. The "candidates list" is in hand and, if possible, elections to be held at the next regular meeting.

- Annual Parish Bazaar - we are still looking for someone to convene the Plant booth. Coffee pot will be provided for hot dog booth.

New Business:

Moved by Betty seconded by Antoinette that we get 8 new aprons - cost will be \$200.00 - Betty will ask Nicole to make us some.

Casey Bullock - custodian fee for setting up tables at Rummage Sale - \$30.00

Moved by Rita seconded by Eileen that we give Lucky 7 Booth \$300.00 for purchase of items
"no children are allowed to play unless accompanied by an adult"

- Education and Health Topic of Discussion - Vital Statistics by Donna Beauchesne:

A team of researchers from U. of North Carolina at Charlotte decided to find out what the leading cause of death would be if abortions were included in the U.S. vital statistics. "There is no credible scientific opposition to the fact that a new genetically distinct human organism begins with fertilization." James Studnick, Sharon J. MacKinnon, and John W. Fisher explain in their paper, published June 2016 in the Open Journal of Preventive Medicine.

So the researchers, using data from 2009 (the latest year for which all the relevant information is available), considered abortion among other causes of death. They found that induced abortion was by far the leading cause of death (1.152 million deaths), easily surpassing heart disease (599,413 deaths) and cancer (567,628 deaths), and accounting for 32.1 percent of all deaths that year. Disturbingly, among African Americans, abortions made up 61.1 percent of total deaths; among Hispanics, they accounted for 64 percent. I read this in LifeNews.com - Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

- Powell River Division of Family Practice presents "ARMOUR" special screening at the Patricia Theatre Nov. 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

"It is profoundly humane and deeply challenging depiction of emotional and physical causes of old age." All proceeds go to Powell River Hospice Society. A panel discussion to follow.

Important Dates:

Nov 5 – Reading from the Book of Life at Church of the Assumption

Nov 5 – Diocesan General Meeting at St. Luke's Maple Ridge

Nov 11 – Remembrance Day

Nov 13 – Closing of the Holy Door at Holy Rosary Cathedral

Nov 19 – DAS Gala evening at St Matthew's Surrey

Nov 26 - Annual Church of the Assumption Parish Bazaar

Dec 1 - CWL General Meeting

Next Meeting: CWL Executive meeting, Nov 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm Board Rm, CWL General Meeting, Dec 1, 2016 at 7:30pm Conference Rm after Mass

Closing Prayer Antoinette

Adjournment- 9:00 p.m.