

Catholic Women's League

St. Gabriel Parish
Burlington, Ontario

General Meeting

Monday, January 20, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Present: 18 Members and 0 Guests

Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer – Patty read the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Approval of Agenda

President Anne Walden asked if members wished to add anything to the agenda. The agenda was approved on a motion by Marguerite Birett and seconded by Emma Buczolitz. All were in favour.

Sign in and news

Anne W. reminded everyone to sign in and asked members if they had news to share.

- Anne W. noted that Morag is not here because her brother died in Scotland and she has gone over. Anne asked that we say a prayer.
- Anne C. shared that daughter, Katie, has been ill since before Christmas and was in the hospital for more than a week this month. She's been started on treatment and is home now. Anne thanked everyone for the many prayers offered.
- Anne W. asked Audrey about her sister-in-law and Audrey said she is okay but that her sister-in-law's daughter has been diagnosed with cancer too.
- Anne W. asked Alma about her son, Robert. Alma said he has finished treatments that he was on but is having a rough couple of weeks following treatment.

Minutes

Recording Secretary, Anne Cholewka, read the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved on a motion made by Anne Cholewka and seconded by Pearlie Chan. All were in favour.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Theresa McArthur, reported on the account balances.

Theresa said that she booked masses for CWL for this year and has copies available of the list of dates and mass times.

President's Report – Anne Walden

- **Upcoming meetings**
 - o February 17 – is family day. Anne asked if that is okay. The majority indicated they were okay with the date. It will be the Soup & Bun event. A list was circulated to sign up to bring soup or buns. There will be a speaker that evening to talk to us about making sleeping mats out of milk

- bags. She has plenty of bags so it is not necessary to bring some. She will demonstrate how the mats are made.
- March 16 – is the beginning of March break. Anne asked if we should move it to the week before or after? It was decided to go ahead with the meeting on the 16th.
 - April 20th – the date should be okay
 - May 18th – is on the long weekend so the date will be moved
 - June 15th – will be the June potluck
- Anne has information from Halton Alive, which she will leave out on the table for members to review.

Elections – Rose Anne Galante, Nominations Chair

- Rose Anne thanked everyone who has been on the Executive over the past 2 years. Rose Anne posted a list of the executive positions open for election for the 2020-2022 term. The list included names of people who accepted nominations and were acclaimed to a number of the positions. Following is the list:

President – vacant – Anne Walden volunteered to stay on

President Elect – Kathy Hamilton

Vice President – Helen Crooker

Treasurer – Theresa McArthur

Recording Secretary – Anne Cholewka

Past President – Anne Walden

Convenors

Spiritual Development – Mary Muller

Membership – vacant

Christian Family Life – Marguerite Birett

Community Life – vacant

Education – Lotte Fekete

Health – Pearlie Chan

Resolutions – vacant

Legislation – vacant

Parish Activities – vacant

There was discussion about what is involved with some positions that are vacant. Following the meeting it was suggested that a link to the national CWL website be circulated to the members so they can review information about the various positions. At this time it is most important to find a convenor for Membership as memberships are coming in. Pearlie suggested that she might be able to help coordinate the membership list to be submitted.

Anne W. reminded exec members about annual reports that are due and must be submitted online. She asked the executive to remember to print an extra copy for her records.

Reports

Anne W. asked if the following had reports:

1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary – Helen Crooker

- Helen – read a really nice thank you note from seminarian, William Meehan, for the Christmas gift and continued prayers.
- Thank you notes for donations were also received from Nancy Romik of Shifra Home, Canadian Food for Children and Carpenter Hospice.
- Anne C. – read a thank you from the Food Bank for food donations made at our Christmas potluck.

Convenors

Spiritual Development – Patty Huschilt

- Patty – showed us a card from another parish that was an invitation to a Christmas dinner membership drive. Patty suggested that it might be something we could consider planning in the future.
- Patty shared a beautiful spiritual reading – to Mary.

Membership – Morag Wilson

- Morag was away

Education – Lotte Fekete

- Lotte – shared her thoughts re the e-learning requirement for high-school students. She noted that not everyone has a computer and some students may be disadvantaged by the requirement of online courses.
- Carpenter Hospice – Lotte thought it would have been good to make use of the St. Stephen’s Church building rather than tear it down but she was told it was in bad shape and wasn’t suitable for other uses.

Health - Pearly Chan

- Pearly – spoke about the coronavirus in China that has become more widespread and is currently in the news. Security health checks have been implemented at some airports. Pearly advised that we should always be careful as pneumonia is the number one killer of the elderly.
- Tips from Pearly - Get a flu shot, always use hand sanitizer, eat a good diet, get lots of sleep and exercise every day, even simple exercises at home. She also stressed the importance of having a happy spirit and avoiding stress. Pearly suggested we wear a mask around others who are sick or if we are sick and have to be around others.

Community Life – no convenor

Christian Family Life – Marguerite Birett

- Marguerite - extended thanks again for the donation to the Angel Tree project – she gave the amount left over back to Theresa.
- Marguerite announced that the SSVP is up and running now and visiting clients in our area who request help.

Communications – Helena Marsalek

- Helena was absent.

Other Business

- Helen – indicated that a good idea had been suggested for our March meeting – to have someone from the Knights of Columbus talk about Habitat for Humanity. Marguerite offered to get in touch with Stephen Clark to ask about this.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by: Helen Crooker.

Discussions following the meeting:

- Marguerite pointed out that Mary suggested everyone look on the CWL website to see what is involved with the vacant positions so they can consider volunteering for one. We will find a link to share with members.
- Josie shared that she has been visiting some of the Polish shut-ins and making sure they get visits from the priests when needed.

Minutes by: Anne Cholewka

Date Approved

President

Recording Secretary