

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CWL CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL**

February 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall at Holy Spirit Chapel

PRESENT: There were 35 members present.

OPENING PRAYER: Caroline Ann-Alter, a Past President, opened the meeting with the League Prayer and the Prayer for the Intention of Pope Francis. We said the Our Father for our ill and needy members.

WELCOME: Caroline Ann-Alter welcomed everyone. She advised that she has been ill for the last four months. She also advised that we need a President-elect.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: Mass was celebrated prior to the Meeting. Members were encouraged to attend the Mass and Rosary for the Unborn before each meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the meeting held January 10, 2018 were approved as read and amended, seconded by Margaret Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was the following correspondence:

- Thank you letter from Eski-Omi Missions;
- Email advising of Convenor's Workshop to be held at St. Charles Garnier Church.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer, Mary Cacchioni, was absent but reported that at February 14, 2018 we have a balance of \$9,720.91.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS:

ORGANIZATION: Marie Federico and Margaret Ward reported as follows:

- Jennie Sali and Margaret Ward were acknowledged for their work in collecting memberships.
- We have 140 members.
- We have three new members, St. Phyllis Giroux, Jo Showalter, and Cecilia Miles.
- In February there are 8 birthday celebrations and 2 anniversaries.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Marilee Bafia reported as follows:

- A local sailor, Celina Diaz, through the Training Ship Denmark program, has travelled to 25 countries and is pursuing a career in navigation.
- HER International as well as H.O.P.E., Outreach and House of HOPE, provide nightly outreach for homeless and exploited women and also offer a safe house for women wanting to exit street life. Together they hosted HOPE in HER Eyes which featured stories of hope and brought together a community to create strength and support for those who need.
- The number of people in Kelowna who experience homelessness throughout the year is roughly 1,900. Kelowna wants to end homelessness. Funding will be needed to build affordable housing which will be a considerable capital task.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: Donna Rush is our new Spiritual Development Chairperson.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH: Madeleine Burnell advised:

- The Liberal government announced its new policy for employers receiving summer job grants for students which states that to obtain grants under the Summer Jobs Program employers must check a box that affirms that “both the job and of Rights organization’s core mandate respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter and Freedoms as well as other rights, reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, color, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.” A no vote will make the organization ineligible for funding.
- We were encouraged to write letters to Parliament. A sample was provided.
- Suggestions were provided as to how to improve your work-life balance as anxiety and depression are amongst the most common mental health disorders.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE: Gloria Chopik reported as follows;

- The Pregnancy Care Centre has 20 prospective moms this spring which is a high number. A speaker will attend our meeting.
- She referred to an articles in the Prairie Messenger written by Cardinal Kurt Koch who is the Vatican’s chief ecumenist out of the Vatican, titled “Christians must convert to Ecumenism”.

COMMUNICATIONS: Margaret Boyko reported as follows:

- She placed announcements in the bulletin regarding the Executive and General meetings as well as for World Day of Prayer.
- Cards were sent to June Blazosek, Darlene Janicki, Sharon Daley, Mary Dashkewytch, Geri Pedlar, and Father Pat.

RESOLUTIONS and LEGISLATION: It was reported:

- Kate Evans is working full time and will be unable to attend our meetings.
- Jo Showalter has agreed to co-convene with Kate.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Margaret Ward reported that there has not been a meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS: Caroline Ann-Alter reported:

- She read from the Spiritual Development Communique as follows:
 - Lent is a time to renew our spiritual resolutions for the year.
 - Look at your prayer time/conversation with God
 - How does the cross of Christ put “hatred” to death? What happened on the cross and death of Jesus is something that asked for our imitation not our admiration; an example for us to imitate, to transform bitterness and division into love.

HISTORIANS: Elaine Senger reminded us to give her any pictures referring to the CWL

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. We are hosting World Day of Prayer which is to be held Friday, March 2, 2018. Jennie Sali is organizing the event. Group 2 will prepare the food. It was suggested that we serve bread, cheese and fruit.

2. **MOTION** made by Margaret Ward, seconded by Marie Federico that we donate \$150.00 to Reach Out. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We will lead the Stations of the Cross on March 9, 2018.
2. There were no volunteers to lead the Rosary prior to each mass during lent.
3. There is a Convenor's Workshop to be held on March 6, 2018 at St. Charles Garnier from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Signup sheet is available.
4. Kate Evans will convene the Stew Fest to be held Sunday, March 18, 2018.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. We were asked to consider the position of President-elect.
2. Some members received the name of their secret sister.
3. Bishop Greg Bittman is our new Bishop who will be installed on April 26, 2018.
4. Janet O'Flynn referred to the Acknowledgement Letter she received from the Knights of Columbus. She also referred to a Lent Reflection on "How to get younger people in the church" and the solution was to give them something to do.

The guest speaker, Laura Cake from the Pregnancy Care Centre, spoke about the work the centre does in assisting pregnant women, old and young, single and married, with unplanned pregnancies. They have only two fundraisers; the baby bottle campaign and secondly, a guest speaker. They receive no Government funding. They also offer a 10 week post-abortion grief program. They offer support for two years. The choice is between parenting or abortion. She gave us a list of layette items. A Grade 7 class makes blankets. She brought a layette with her and showed us each item. They are always in need of layette items and gift cards for Walmart, Superstore, Lakeview Market, to name a few.

CLOSING PRAYER:

The meeting concluded with the Closing Prayer "Our Lady of Good Council".

The next meeting will be held March 14, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paulette Wolfe, Secretary