

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

October 11, 2017 at 10:10 a.m. in the Church Hall

PRESENT: There were 23 members present.

OPENING PRAYER: The Past President, Jennie Sali, opened the meeting with the League Prayer, and an Our Father for our ill and needy members. She advised that the President, Geri Pedlar was in the hospital.

WELCOME: The Past President, Jennie Sali, welcomed everyone.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: The Spiritual Chairperson, Elpy Aprile, was absent but prior to the meeting the Mass and rosary were celebrated.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Minutes from the meeting held September 13, 2017 were approved as read and amended, seconded by Margaret Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE: There was the following correspondence:

- Thank you card from Seaton House.
- A letter from St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School requesting a donation for the purchase of bibles.
- A letter from St. Vincent de Paul, St. Theresa Conference requesting a donation for Christmas hampers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer, Mary Cacchioni, reported that at September 13, 2017 we have a balance of \$6,391.22, seconded by Marie Federico.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORTS:

ORGANIZATION: Marie Federico and Margaret Ward reported as follows:

- There were 13 birthdays in September and two anniversaries.
- We have 131 members.
- The membership drive will commence the first weekend in November.
- The annual fee is \$30.00.
- Margaret Ward will obtain the wedding anniversary dates for the members for whom we do not have that date.

COMMUNITY LIFE: Marilee Bafia was absent.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: Elpy Aprile was absent.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH: Madeline Burnell was absent.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE: Gloria Chopik reported the following:

- She provided a report on the Kelowna Right to Life Society's Adopt a Baby. We have adopted a girl whose name is Teresa. We will get monthly reports from the Society.
- She read a report from the Prairie Messenger titled "Pope rails against attempts to restore old-style Catholic worship".

COMMUNICATIONS: Margaret Boyko was absent but announcements about the meeting were placed in the Bulletin.

Jennie Sali advised that CWL Mass cards were given to 50th anniversary wedding members, as follows:

| <u>Anniversary Date</u> | | <u>Date of Mass</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| May 13, 2017 | Anne and John Bannick | February 10, 2018 |
| June 24, 2017 | Beulah and Loyola Walsh | February 7, 2018 |
| August 19, 2017 | Jackie and Don Schneider | February 18, 2018 |
| December 2, 2017 | Eva and Ken Gustafson | February 29, 2018 |

RESOLUTIONS and LEGISLATION: Kate Evans reported that she has not had a response from the two letters she sent to the Government.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Kate Evans and Margaret Ward reported that there has not been a meeting lately.

PAST PRESIDENT REPORTS: Jennie Sali reported:

- About 260 people attended the Life Chain held October 1, 2017.
- She delivered a card to Theresa Versluys who had surgery.
- She visited Madelyn Barber at Southern Hills who was a CWL member for 60 years.
- She did the preparations for CWL Sunday.
- She received a letter from her CWL sister in High River.

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

Father Pat attended the meeting and gave a presentation – see attached notes.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Group 2 will do the funeral on September 29, 2017 for Bob Fontaine and Group 3 will do the funeral on October 16, 2017 for Wilf Hoffman
2. Carol Gautier will oversee the making of apple crisps next week.
3. We need volunteers to lead the rosary before mass in October.
4. **MOTION** made by Kate Evans, seconded by Marie Federico that we pay the membership fee of \$15.00 to Right to Life. **CARRIED**
5. **MOTION** made by Janet O'Flynn, seconded by Kate Evans, that we give two annual bursaries each in the amount of \$500.00. **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MOTION** made by Margaret Ward, seconded by Janet O'Flynn, that we donate \$100.00 to St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School for the purchase of Bibles. **CARRIED.**
2. **MOTION** made by Kate Evans, seconded by Vicki Agar, that we donate \$200.00 to St. Vincent De Paul for the Christmas Hampers. **CARRIED.**
3. **MOTION** made by Margaret Ward, seconded by Doreen Boser, that we donate \$25.00 to the Remembrance Day Ceremony. **CARRIED.**

4. Janet O'Flynn advised that she spoke to Bishop John who suggested that we support The Catholic Missions of Canada as they look after the needs of local people.

MOTION made by Kate Evans, seconded by Janet O'Flynn, that we donate \$150.00 to Catholic Missions in Canada. **CARRIED.**

5. 250 Missals have been purchased from Loaves and Fishes.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Mary-Ann Ross agreed to co-lead Group 2.
2. Kate Evans will provide list for volunteers and food items for the Turkey supper in November.
3. Gloria Chopik was the recipient of the door prize.

CLOSING PRAYER:

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

The next meeting will be held November 8, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Paulette Wolfe, Secretary

NOTES FROM FATHER PAT'S PRESENTATION

Commencing at 11:00 p.m.

- He has been a priest for 27 years and believes the heart of the church is the CWL.
- A CWL member is one who is willing to respond to a need and to work.
- A CWL member never looks for praise – we just serve and work for the spiritual good of all.
- The CWL is very close to the centre of our Parish Community along with the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
- We must “launch out into the deep” and depend on the Lord to pull together for our good and the good of the Parish. We are the backbone of the Parish.
- He wants to promote membership in the League as it is critical to have many members to give us a much stronger voice.
- He referred to the CWL website as an excellent source of information, knowledge and awareness, prayerful support as well as being easy to read.
- The political movement in the CWL helps to form the landscape of our country.
- We need to have Catholic women on the books.
- We serve not just locally but also Provincially and Federally.
- We much encourage ALL women to be “due” paying members and to be as active as they can.
- We can have auxiliary members being those who can't be on council, but who can work.
- We must take the fear out of being a member.
- We must show them how they can benefit from belonging without the politics of the group, i.e. help at funerals.
- We must remove the stumbling blocks and strength the knowledge of the League at all levels.
- In his experience, he feels that Corpus Christi is an amazing well-blended parish.
- The future of the CWL is healthy. We must see all women as potential members and invite them into the friendship and Christian work of the CWL.
- Be positive about the League never negatively.
- We must be a place of welcome, community, spiritual opportunity.
- We are working to get things done.
- We must impress Catholic teaching in our Country – i.e., violence against women and poverty. Together we can do great things.
- **Cradle** he encouraged us to think about this program wherein you adopt a pregnant lady or one who just had a baby and provide her with support and necessary items.
 - The abortion law will NOT change
 - Pregnancy Care Centre is support
 - We have an opportunity to make difference.
 - Help without hurting
 - Be there for a person in need – we are answering their prayers.
 - Imagine what we can do – how can we be an answer to Jesus' prayers for support.
 - This is a way to allow God's blessing on each other.
 - It can have a profound impact on our lives.
 - But, not everything works in every parish.
 - Encourage us to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.
 - Get information from St. Charles Cradle.
- **Renovations**

- Church setting is important
- We will go to Holy Spirit in November.
- Want new things and to keep them new.
- We will have a worship and gathering space which must be artistic.
- The gathering area where we can get to know each other.
- Wants to have a stained glass window in honour of the CWL.
- A stained glass available is Jesus, Martha and Mary – the CWL tries to do both – serving and prayer – listening and service – incorporates prayer and service.