



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League

St. Basil's Church

11 Mar 2017

1. The meeting opened with the League Prayer.
2. Eight members were welcomed and thanked for coming out on such a cold morning. As part of the welcome members took part in the Smarties 5 Ws game. According to the colour of Smartie picked questions beginning with: who, what, where, when or why were asked and discussed. A good deal of information was learned from these discussions.
3. As no one had offered to prepare the reflection the President led this with the daily reflection for 11 Feb from Sacred Journey, Daily Reflections for Lent 2017 by Krystyna Higgins, published by Novalis. **A volunteer to give the reflection at the May meeting was requested.** Please let Marilyn know if you are willing to do this.
4. The minutes of the meeting of 14 Jan 2017 were distributed electronically. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Catherine Casserley; seconded by Susan Fekete. Carried.

Judy Young suggested that the approved minutes be placed on the CWL section of the Parish website in order to give wider exposure to the activities of the CWL. Discussion followed and, since we only meet every two months and the much of the information contained in the minutes would be out-of-date by the time they were posted, it was suggested that an electronic vote to accept the minutes be taken after each meeting. Following acceptance with the electronic vote the minutes would be sent to Aaron Ludmer to be placed on the website. This electronic vote would be confirmed at the next regular meeting.

5. Correspondence:
 - A receipt was received from MaterCare International (Canada) Inc. for donation made at Christmas on behalf of Doreen Cripps
 - A receipt from Catholic Christian Outreach for a donation of \$200 made in 2016
 - February and March mailings from Campaign Life
6. Financial report: Due to the absence of Elizabeth Bala, treasurer, no financial report was given. However, Elizabeth had reported by e-mail that activity since February consisted of bank charges of \$4.95, leaving a balance of \$1,695.40.
7. Business arising from the minutes:

- a. Has the cheque been given to the Youth group as suggested at January meeting?
 - b. Re: the meeting with the Knights of Columbus on 26 Apr 2017. It has been suggested by the Knights that, instead of pot luck, Chinese food be ordered. The suggestion was made that we approach Syrian refugees (through Karen Zappia) to determine if someone in their group would like to cater this meal. Marilyn will bring the suggestion to Pat Latimer to get the Knights approval.
8. CWL Diocesan news:
- a. The President attend the Diocesan executive meeting at St. Leonard in Manotick on Saturday, 21 Jan 2017 and presented a report for St. Basil's Council. She had the report if anyone wished to see it.
 - b. **League Development Day:** The next League Development Day is to be held on Saturday, 25 Mar 2017 at Resurrection Parish from 9am to 3pm. A poster outlining the structure of the day was passed around. Two members, Elizabeth Elliott and Judy Young, agreed to go with the president. Two others indicated they might be interested in the morning session and are to let the President know.
 - c. **Annual Diocesan Convention:** This is to be held on Saturday, 29 Apr 2017, at St. John the Apostle Parish. The business session begins at 9am; the closing Mass is at 5pm. and the banquet begins at 6:30pm. Total cost for the day is \$70 per person.
 Moved by Judy Young, seconded by Catherine Casserley that all expenses connected with attending the convention, for all members, be covered by the Council. Carried
 The President will be attending the convention as the voting delegate. Two accredited delegates are also required. No one volunteered at the meeting. **If any member would like to be an accredited delegate, please let Marilyn know before 31 Mar 2017. Also, if anyone would like to attend as a member to observe and learn about the League please let me know before 31 Mar 2017.**
 As this is the year a new Diocesan executive will be installed, and since we do not have executive meetings at the Parish level, we filled in the Parish nomination form for the Diocesan executive at this meeting. One copy is sent to Diocesan Past President as chair of nominations and a second copy is retained by the voting delegate to take to the convention.
 Also, regarding the convention, once again a **silent auction** will be held and each Parish Council is asked to donate an article for the auction. After some discussion, it was decided that the donation from our Council will be two decorated baskets, one containing toiletries and one containing kitchen articles. **Each member is asked to donate an article for one (or both) of the baskets by leaving your donation in the specified box in the narthex after**

the Masses either the weekend of 1-2 April or 8-9 April. The box will be removed after the 11am Mass on April 9. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this project. All money raised from the auction will be donated to Canadian Catholic Missions in the north.

The President mentioned that all members should have received their Winter 2017 copy of The Canadian League.

9. Other business:

- a) Catherine Casserley mentioned that St. Joseph's Center is still in need of donations. She suggested that the CWL sponsor a collection in the parish for the months of April-May to be delivered to the Center. She, Catherine, will look after delivery. A notice will be prepared for the bulletin and a box will be placed in the narthex for collection.
- b) Susan Fekete agreed to lead "Mary's Way of the Cross" on 31 Mar 2017 at 7:00pm. Judy Young offered to clear this with the office and place the bulletin announcement.
- c) Judy Young asked members to support the upcoming benefit concert with the National Capital Concert Band under the direction of Rocco Romeo in support of the renovation fund. Joining the band will be soloist Tzeitel Abrego. This concert is planned for Sunday, 2 Apr 2017 at 1:30pm and the cost is \$15 for adults, children 12 and under free, family \$50.
- d) The President mentioned that when she assumed the position she agreed to take it for a term of two years. Those two years will be up the end of June. However, as the CWL operates on a calendar year, she is willing to stay until the end of December 2017. Members were asked to begin considering and seeking someone to take on the role.

10. Prayer circle

11. Meeting adjourned at 12:30.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **13 May 2017 at 11:00am** in the room under the sacristy.