

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L.
GENERAL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SMALL HALL
April 8, 2025
7:00 PM**

WELCOME

President Jane welcomed Father Brennan, 13 members and 4 guests to the meeting.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

President Jane then gave the Land Acknowledgment.

OPENING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney

Margaret led us in the Prayer to the Holy Spirit from the D & P Caritas Prayers.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motioned by Margaret Maloney, seconded by Debbie Macdonald, to accept the agenda with the addition of the Communications Report. All in favour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Joan Lemay, seconded by Ruth McNulty, to accept the minutes of the March 11 minutes with the following corrections: correction of Freddy's last name to Ouellet, and they are Patti's granddaughters and not daughters who are asking for help with funding.

Guest Speakers

President Jane welcomed Corrinne Coker and Clarissa Boyce from StillPoint for the Presentation. She also thanked them after the very enlightening presentation.

50/50 Draw – Ann Dombroskie

The 50/50 draw of \$25.00 was won by Johanna Mathieu.

After the refreshments provided by Jane O'Gorman and Margaret Maloney the business meeting continue.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – FATHER BRENNAN

- Father answered questions about Lent.
- He gave Pope Francis' ideas on Lent including doing something that hurts.
- The date for First Communion is May 4th and there are 14 children receiving the sacrament. We will be providing the Lunch.
- The date for Confirmations is June 8th . We decided to have a lunch instead of just a cake.
- We will be giving rosaries for First Communion and crosses for Confirmation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Diocesan Convention – Jane O'Gorman

- Joan gave details about the event.
- The league will be paying for the registration and we will each pay for our lunch.
- Jane will forward the invitation to Johanna to forward to the membership.
- Accredited delegates will be Johanna Mathieu and Ruth McDonald.

Canadian Centre for Bioethical Diversity – Patti Floysvik

- Patti requested to send out a request to the membership for members to contribute to fundraising for the granddaughters. It was decided that the contact information would be in the April minutes.
- **Motioned by Joan Lemay, seconded by Carol Sulpher, to give Sophia and Mara \$300 for their fundraising.**

Rummage Sale – Debbie Macdonald & Rita Mears.

- Most of the volunteer positions have been filled.

Other

- Johanna suggested that we put some of our funds in a GIC. This is tabled till the next meeting when our treasurer, Rita Mears, would be back.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

- The Balance at the end of February was \$33630.45.
- Income \$803
- Our Expense were \$1512.21
- Our Balance at the end of March was \$32921.25.

CORRESPONDENCE – Johanna Mathieu

Thank You's

- Chalice for sponsoring a child and the child's name.
- Chalice with a letter and from our child, Mariar, as well as a drawing done by her.
- Chalice with a form for prayer intentions.
- Susan Ringrose for the kind note of sympathy at the passing for her brother, Roger O'Neil.
- Jacob and Elizabeth Sullivan for our gift at Jeremiah's baptism written on a handmade card.

COMMUNICATIONS – Debbie Macdonald.

- Posted Rummage Sale posters on billboards and windows of businesses that allow it.
- Uploaded the poster to 14 social media sites.
- The link for the April On-Line Provincial News sent out but didn't work at the time; messaged Provincial about the problem.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CAROL SULPHER

- Carol thanked us for the offer to borrow the CWL dishes for the Earth Day celebration. They were not needed because the event was cancelled because the federal election was called two days later.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANE O'GORMAN

- Jane was glad that she attended the Spring Meeting on Zoom March 22nd.
- She was impressed by Father Michael Coyne's presentation of the Way of the Cross and Pierre-Alain Giffard's presentation on Evangelization.

MEMBERSHIP – Ruth McNulty

- We have 97 paid members, 16 yet-to-be-paid, 2 deceased for a total of 115 at the beginning of this year.
- She also mentioned the "Bring One" campaign that was shared by Louise from Temiskaming. She and others strive to invite 3 or 4 potential new CWL members to a small social gathering a few times a year. She has shared her information with me and Margaret Maloney has offered to help me host such an event in the near future. I'll keep everyone posted on it and anyone who wishes to be involved is most welcome to join us!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith – Margaret Maloney

Margaret gave the following report.

- Members gathered for prayers at the funeral home and formed an Honour guard for recently deceased member Anita Agnew. May she rest in peace.
- Carol and Johanna have returned to their work on our parish library. Books may be accessed during office hours. A give away table of duplicates or small pamphlets will be created soon.
- Thanks expressed to those who led the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Thanks in advance for all those assisting with Palm Sunday Ministry.

Service – Nancy Saumure

- We will give out the crosses that Father Brennan was given as our Confirmation gifts.
- We decided to have a lunch instead of just a cake at Confirmation since it is after the Sunday morning Mass and the Bishop is also there.
- Both First Communion and Confirmation recipients will allow a maximum of 10 guests per child for the luncheons.
- John has mounted the 2 cork boards that the parish purchased; they are in the large hall. We will decide at the next meeting if we want to purchase more at our own expense.
- Thank you and compliments to Margaret Legris for her Development and Peace presentations at the Mass last weekend.
- The theme for Education Week from May 5-9 is "Pilgrims of Hope". Nancy will inform the schools of our CWL sponsored poster contest in the near future.
- Carol Sulpher and Bev Chapman will organize delivering small plants to our CWL shut-ins for Easter.
- No funerals to report.
- The 13 children profiles that were presented in March through Chalice were all sponsored!! Thank you to Marg Maloney for helping me (Nancy Saumure) on the Sunday and to Joan Lemay and Carol Sulpher for doing the presentations on the Saturday mass.

Social Justice – Bonnie McIntyre

- Margaret Legris thanked the members for their support of the Development and Peace weekends.
- Since Bonnie was absent there was no other Social Justice Report.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney.

- Margaret led us in the Prayer for Wisdom and Justice in Addressing External Debt from the D & P Caritas prayers.
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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 13th in the Parish Hall.

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted
Johanna Mathieu