

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L.
GENERAL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LARGE HALL
FEBRUARY 11, 2025
7:00 PM**

President Jane welcomed Father Brennan and 16 members to the meeting. She then gave the Land Acknowledgment.

2025 PRAYER SERVICE FOR RE-AFFIRMATION OF OFFICERS.

Carol Sulpher and Father Brennan conducted the installation of officers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Spiritual Advisor:	Father Brennan
Past President:	Carol Sulpher
President:	Jane O'Gorman
Vice President/Organization:	Ruth McNulty
Recording Secretary:	Johanna Mathieu
Treasurer:	Rita Mears
Faith:	Margaret Maloney
Service:	Nancy Saumure
Resolutions and Legislation:	Bonnie McIntyre

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motioned by Joan Lemay, seconded by Patti Floysvik, to accept the agenda with the addition of the Communications and Membership Report. All in favour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Carol Sulpher, seconded by Rita Mears, to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2024 minutes. All in favour.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – FATHER BRENNAN

- Father gave us some statistics on the number of people attending Mass in the diocese as well as the number of active priests in the years to come. He asked us to fill out the Parish Profile. Bonnie will ask Theresa, the parish secretary, to forward a copy to her which Johanna will send out to the membership in an email. These surveys have to be back by March 2nd.

50/50 Draw

The 50/50 draw of \$23.00 was won by Ghosoun.

After refreshments served by Rita and Debbie the business meeting continued.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar of Events – Jane O'Gorman

- We reviewed the copy that was provided.

Request for a Spiritual Chairperson – Jane O'Gorman.

- Margaret Maloney has offered to take this position.

Stations of the Cross – Jane

- A sign-up list was available for members to sign up for the Stations of the Cross that the CWL is responsible for this coming Lent.

Hospitality at the 10:30 a.m. Mass - Margaret Maloney

- Margaret thanked all who volunteer for this ministry at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sign-up for monthly meeting refreshments - Jane O'Gorman

- Jane O'Gorman asked members to sign up to bring refreshments. We were reminded that there would not be any snacks at the March and April meetings because it is Lent.

Meeting Night Change – Jane O'Gorman

- President Jane asked us to consider if we could change our monthly meetings to another night since some members have a conflict on that night.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

Rita gave the following report:

November - Starting balance \$28,389.54

Income	14,636.35
Expenses	2,922.46
End Balance	\$40,103.43

December Income 6,920.00

Expenses	15,847.18
End Balance	\$31,176.25

January Income 4,380.00

Expenses	3,252.86
End Balance	\$32,303.39

Net income for 2024 was \$8,689.43. We gave out \$19,237.00 in donations and gifts.

The 2025 Budget was presented to the Executive on January 14, 2025 and approved with amendments as noted. Increase in costs of gifts for Sacraments, stationery, printing and the addition of supporting a child through the Chalice Program. Rita will send out the amount in the budget for each chairperson.

Motioned by Pat McGregor, seconded by Debbie Macdonald, that we approve the proposed budget for 2025 All in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE – Johanna Mathieu**Thank You Emails:**

- Clarissa Boyce, Mary Steele, Suzette Pelletier, Marilyn Leclair, Arlette Hermans and Bev Ingram.

Thank You Notes

- Donna Kiley for help at the time of Leo's passing
- Vera Kedrosky for the funeral lunch for Greg
- RVH for contribution to the Tree of Lights
- Father Brennan for our Christmas gift and for our support during the year.
- First Step Options for our donation

- Jacob Sullivan and staff of SJHS for donation to Matthew 25
- Sisters of St. Joseph for support of child in Peru
- Family of Kevin Kearney for the funeral lunch
- Lois Desjardine for card sent throughout the year and a special thank you for all the prayers
- Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood for donation
- Renfrew Seniors Home Support for donation
- Fay O'Reilly for the poinsettia
- Jean Spilchen for the flowers and for the funeral lunch after Pete's funeral
- Renfrew Foodbank for donation

Request for Funds

- White Fathers
- Holy Childhood Association
- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom .

Income Tax Receipts

- White Fathers
- RVH Tree of Lights
- Renfrew Foodbank
- Holy Childhood Association

Other

- Two invitations to the Tree of Lights ceremony
- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Newsletter
- Canadian Food grains Bank Magazine
- Missions Today 2025 magazine.

Communications – Debbie Macdonald

Debbie placed the following items on our Facebook Page.

- February Ontario Provincial Newsletter was emailed out on February 1st.
- The survey on Medical Assistance in Dying (euthanasia) opened on December 12th and closes February 14th. Members were encouraged to complete the survey.
- Webinar for Past Presidents “Everything you wanted to know about archives” for Past Presidents will be held on February 24th from 7 pm to 8:30 p.m.
- February 2nd to the 8th was National Catholic Health Care Week, recognizing the important work of Health Organizations in our Province and across Canada.
- A very interesting webinar, “Spotlight on Human Trafficking”, was held on January 21st. Debbie received the YouTube video link because she attended.
- Horizons of Hope – Toolkit on Palliative Care dates are May 6, 7, 13 & 14th will have more info on the future.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CAROL SULPHER

- Carol gave copies of the new By Laws booklet to the members of the executive.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANE O'GORMAN

- President Jane shared some information from the CWL website.
- She informed us that she will be away for the March monthly meeting. She will ask Ruth McNulty to chair the meeting that night.

Membership – Ruth McNulty

In Ruth's absence, Johanna gave Ruth's report.

January Report

- In January we had 77 paid members (67 registered and 10 pending), as well as 3 potential new members.

February Report

- Ruth expressed regret about missing the February meeting.
- We have 77 members including our two newest members (Andrea & Freddy)
- Carol and myself will contact the 37 unpaid members before the next meeting.
- Carol will be reaching out to the members in Quail Creek and Bonnechere Manor.
- Ruth has contacted all but one of the members by email or phone.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith – Carol Sulpher

Carol gave the following report.

- Our members, Angela McAdam and Stephanie Nickel, have passed away since our last meeting. We gathered at the funeral home with the family for prayers and we had an honour guard at the funeral.
- A planning meeting for the World Day of Ecumenical Prayer at the United Church on March 7th was held on January 24th.
- Johanna Mathieu and Carol Sulpher have resumed working on the parish library which has remained untouched since the pandemic
- Ash Wednesday is on March 5th. We will again alternate with the K of C for leading the stations on Monday nights during Lent at 6:30 p.m.
- A report on Baptismal gifts given out since the November meeting will be given at the March meeting.

Service – Nancy Saumure

- There was 1 funeral lunch in December, 5 lunches in January and so far 1 lunch in February.
- Treasurer, Rita Mears, has purchased 16 plastic containers to house the sandwiches made for funeral lunches. This helps the environment by eliminated the need for quite a bit of plastic wrap while keeping the sandwiches fresh.

Resolutions and Legislation – Bonnie McIntyre

Bonnie reported the following:

- She reported on Pope Francis message for the World Day of the Sick. Let us to remember to pray for leaders at all levels that they enact legislation and environments that support caring for the sick and vulnerable at every stage of life.
- The Federal Government Consultation on Euthanasia Advance Directives opened on December 12th and closes on February 14th. All members are encouraged to fill out the consultation that Johanna sent out on January 25th.
- Other important days in February include: Feb. 2: The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking; Feb. 20: World Day of Social Justice and Feb. 22: Trafficking Awareness Day
- Our Provincial Social Justice Team encourages us to vote on February 27th.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney.

- Margaret Maloney led us in the Prayer to Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th ,2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted

Johanna Mathieu