

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

WELCOME

Vice-President, Ruth McNulty, welcomed 17 members to the meeting with regrets from President, Jane O'Gorman, Nancy Saumure, Carol Sulpher and Aleksandra Czapla. She then gave the Land Acknowledgment.

OPENING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney

Margaret led us in the Prayer for the Earth.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motioned by Margaret Maloney, seconded by Rita Mears, to accept the agenda with the addition of the Communications Report and a typo in the 2025 Calendar of Events to read 2025 and not 2024. All in favour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Margaret Maloney, seconded by Rita Mears, to accept the minutes of the February 11 minutes with the change to “Faith” instead of “Spiritual” Chair Person under the heading “Request for Spiritual Chair Person and a heading change from “Resolutions & Legislation” to “Social Justice”. All in favour.

50/50 Draw – Joan Lemay

In the absence of Ann Dombroskie, Joan Lemay conducted the 50/50 draw of \$12.00 which was won by Dianna Mantil.

Ruth thanked Margaret Maloney for the refreshments.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – FATHER BRENNAN

- Since Father was unavailable there was no report.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar of Events – Ruth McNulty

- Ruth presented the updated 2025 Calendar of Events to the membership.

Rummage Sale – Debbie Macdonald & Rita Mears.

- The hall has been booked for April 26 & 27.
- Emails have been sent out to solicit volunteers.
- Team sign-up sheets and sales prep introduced.
- Advertising and Set-Up Map completed.

Guest Speakers at Meetings

- We will have a guest speaker from Stillpoint House of Prayer at our April meeting.

- We will have a guest speaker from Victim Services to speak on Human Trafficking at our May meeting.

Diocesan Update - Joan Lemay

- Joan reminded us of the Spring Meeting on Zoom on March 22nd. The link will be sent out closer to the date.

Request from Patti Floysvik

- Patti's daughters, Sophia and Maira, are looking for donations for their summer job with the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

Date	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
February	\$\$32,303.39	\$34,139.45

CORRESPONDENCE – Johanna Mathieu

- Canadian Foodgrains Magazine.

COMMUNICATIONS – Debbie Macdonald.

- Rummage Sale Poster and Set-Up Map Completed.
- 2025 Calendar of Events posted to CWL Facebook Page.
- CWL Conventions: 105th Annual Convention in Toronto - Aug. 10-13, 2025; 78th Provincial Annual Convention in London, Ontario - July 6-9, 2025; Pembroke Diocese Annual Meeting in Petawawa – May 24, 2025 – invitation to join meeting virtually has been issued.
- March 2025 – On Line Provincial Newsletter issued February 28, 2025
- Motion accepted for Debbie to purchase a new Portable Movie Projector approved.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CAROL SULPHER

In Carol's absence, Joan Lemay gave her report:

- Earth Day 2025 celebration to be held on April 26, 2025 from 1-4 p.m. with the Warden of Renfrew County announcing the creation of a Climate Action Committee.
- Carol thanked all who signed the petition or filled in postcards which had positive results.
- Carol is working on the committee planning the refreshments for this event. In keeping with the theme, she is requesting to borrow 4 tubs of dishes which will not be used for funerals that day because of the Rummage Sale. She also will pay for replacement dishes in case some get broken.
- **Motioned by Joan Lemay, seconded by Bonnie McIntyre, that we let Carol borrow the dishes. All in favour.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANE O'GORMAN

- Since Jane was absent, there was on report.

MEMBERSHIP – Ruth McNulty

- We have 82 paid members for this year.

- Carol helpfully offered to connect with a few of our unpaid members (who now reside at Bonnechere Manor, Quail Creek, etc.,) as I couldn't reach them via email or phone call (as I had the others).
- Ruth also welcomed and introduced our newest member present, Freddy Oullet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith – Margaret Maloney

Margaret gave the following report.

Faith Report

- 16 Baptisms in 2024 (two so far in 2025)
- 3 SFX members were involved as leaders of the World Day of Prayer March 7th.
- Diocesan CWL President Annette Chaplin has sent via email 3 pages of information with excellent Lenten opportunities. Thanks to Johanna for forwarding..
- At the doors of the church this weekend a card was placed highlighting our 4 seminarians. We are encouraged to pray for them.

Service – Nancy Saumure

- Ruth McNulty gave out Prayer Buddy envelopes to the Prayer Buddies who were in attendance.
- There were 2 funeral lunches in February.
- Treasurer, Rita Mears, gave the report on the Chalice Campaign with the name of 4 - year old, Mariam Mbodze Mundalu, whose birthday is August 26, 2019.

Social Justice – Bonnie McIntyre

Bonnie reported the following:

- She reported on the 2025 Jubilee's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope"
- She also gave a report on Environmental Days with the view of Catholic Social Teaching on the Care of God's creation noting the following dates: March 5 to April 17; rethink our relationship with our creator and with others: March 22 – Water Day: March 22 – Earth Hour 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney.

- Margaret Maloney led us in the Prayer for Pope Francis During His Grave illness by James Martin. SJ

Adjournment

Motioned by Debbie Macdonald, seconded by Rita Mears, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted
Johanna Mathieu

