

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

President Jane welcomed Father Michael Coyne, 11 members and 3 guests to the meeting. Jane then gave the Land Acknowledgment.

OPENING PRAYER – Jane O'Gorman

In Margaret Maloney's absence, President Jane led us in a prayer from the CWL National website.

Motioned by Carol Supher, seconded by Joan Lemay, to accept the agenda. All in favour

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Ruth McNulty, seconded by Jeanne Rossi, to accept the minutes of the May meeting with the correction that the price of the CWL Aprons purchased was \$20 and not \$10. All in favour

PRESENTATION OF DONATIONS (2025 Rummage Sale) – Jane O'Gorman

In Debbie MacDonald's absence, Jane O'Gorman presented \$1000 from the Rummage Sale to the following recipients:

- Colleen Sheehan representing Sunshine Coach
- Marjory Joly representing Hospice Renew
- Carol Little representing The Renfrew Foodbank was absent.
- Dennis Harrington representing Renfrew Seniors' Home Support
- Father Michael Coyne representing the SFX Care Fund.

50/50 Draw

The 50/50 draw of \$14.00 was won by Freddy Ouellet.

After refreshments served by Ruth McNulty and Joan Lemay, the business meeting continued.

SERVICE AWARDS REPORT - Ruth McNulty

- Ruth thanked all who helped make the event a success.
- 55 guests RSVP ed to attend the delicious stuffed pork dinner catered by Margi Bond.
- Among the guests were Fr. Brennan, Fr. Casta, Deacon Don Smith and our CWL Diocesan President, Annette Chaplin.
- 22 CWL members received service pins and a lovely white cross crocheted by Rita Mears. Pins and crosses will be delivered to those unable to attend the event. If anyone has any pins from previous years they may donate them back to The League to be used.
- 2 worthy surprised members, Debbie Macdonald and Rita Mears received the Maple Leaf Service Pin Award

- At the end of the evening, President Jane regretfully announced that Fr. Brennan will no longer serve as Spiritual Director but will pass the duties to Fr. Michael Coyne our new Spiritual Director.

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – Father Michael Coyne

- Father informed us that will only be attending our monthly meetings every other month since he is also Spiritual Director for the Douglas CWL Council who has their meeting on the same night.
- He explained the Alpha Program which will be conducted by Jacob Sullivan of SJHS following a meal.
- Fr. Michael Coyne informed us that it will probably be starting in January 2026.
- Fr. Brennan and Fr. Michael Coyne ask that the CWL help in the meal preparation with one-half of the cost being paid for by the parish.
- Fr. Brennan and Fr. Coyne will alternate in attending the sessions.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Ruth McNulty will be joining the team and gave us an update on the planning of our Tea & Talent Sale on November 9th.

NEW BUSINESS

Day of Reflection in Temiscaming – September 20, 2025

- Joan Lemay gave a report on the Day of Reflection in Temiscaming.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

In Rita's absence, Johanna gave the following report.

for June, July and August 2025. I will be away until October 15th, so my reports will be postponed to the November meeting.

June Starting Balance \$37, 678.56

End Balance \$35,223.37

July End Balance \$38,391.76

Aug. End Balance \$36,882.95

Rummage Sale Proceeds:

5 cheques in the amount of \$1,000 each presented to Renfrew & Area Seniors' Support, Renfrew Food Bank, Hospice Renfrew, Sunshine Coach and SFX Parish Care Fund.

DATE	OPENING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE
May	\$38,487.80	\$37,678.56
June	\$37,678.56	\$35,223.37
July	\$35,223.37	\$38,391.76
August	\$38,391.76	\$36,882.95

CORRESPONDENCE – Johanna Mathieu

Thank You's

- Sisters of St. Joseph for donation
- Hospice Renfrew for Donation
- Tate Skelhorn from SJHS for the bursary
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank for donation

Gift of Prayer

- Theresa Surnoski for Mass for us from the Jesuits.

Income Tax Receipts

- Hospice Renfrew
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Request for Funds

- Heart Links
- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom and Newsletter

Other

- Information & picture and update on our child from Chalice

Communications – Debbie MacDonald

- There is nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CAROL SULPHER

- There was nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANE O'GORMAN

- Jane gave information on the Day of Reflection on September 20th in Temiscaming including information on possible accommodations for those who do not want to make the trip in one day.
- Someone from Victim Services will speak at our October meeting on Human Trafficking.
- The CWL Fall Meeting will be held in Eganville in October.

VICE PRESIDENT/ORGANIZATION – Ruth McNulty

- Ruth reported that we have 110 paid-up members and 5 members who haven't paid yet who were contacted by Carol Sulpher and Ruth McNulty. We will keep urging them to pay up.
- Ruth gave information on a recruitment endeavor called "Being One" which will involve a paint night put on by Freddy Ouellet's friend after our Tea & Talent sale with information on our CWL. Invitations will be going out at the Tea & Talent Sale, SJHS ladies, emails to our members and our Facebook page. We will ask Rita to use money for recruitment for paint supplies. Members are urged to recruit one or two ladies who might be interested in becoming a member.
- We will also have a draw for 3 tickets for our Christmas dinner to all who pay their 2026 membership of \$40 before the end of November. This was approved by the following motion
- **Motioned by Ruth McNulty, seconded by Carol Sulpher that as part of membership recruitment, all members who pay the fee of \$40 before the end of November will have their names put in a draw for 1 of 3 tickets for the Christmas Dinner. All in favour.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Faith – Margaret Maloney

- Since Margaret was absent there was no report.

Service – Nancy Saumure

Since Nancy was absent we only had Patti's Confirmation Report.

- We had 14 confirmants and fed just under 100 guests.
- Patti thanked the members who assisted her with her first Confirmation luncheon.

- They were all finished by 2 p.m.

Social Justice – Bonnie McIntyre

In Bonnie's absence, Jane read her report.

- On September 20th as part of a world-wide effort there will be groups marching in Ottawa and Eganville who are involved in the David Suzuki Foundation, Seniors for Climate, Fridays for Future Migrants Rights Network and World Beyond War.
- Since this September 20th, the same day as our Day of Reflection, members who are interested and not going to Temiscaming are urged to contact Carol Sulpher to take part in the March in Eganville.

CONCLUDING PRAYER: Margaret Maloney

In Margaret's absence, President Jane led us in the “Prayer to Walk with Mary”.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 7 p.m.

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted
Johanna Mathieu