

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

President Jane welcomed Father Michael, 16 members and 1 guest to the meeting Jane then gave the Land Acknowledgment.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS – Margaret Maloney**

Margaret led the Memorial Service for the following deceased members.

Angela McAdam represented by her daughter, Carolyn

Anita Agnew represented by Susan Ringrose

Stephanie Nickel represented by Jean Spilchen

**SOCIAL BREAK – Joan Lemay, Margaret Legris and Carol Sulphher**

During the Social Break we had the 50/50 draw valued at \$25.50; it was won by Debbie Macdonald

After the social break, the business meeting continued.

**Motioned by Debbie Macdonald and seconded by Jean Spilchen to accept the agenda. All in favor.**

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**Motioned by Ruth McNulty, seconded by Margaret Legris, to accept the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with the correction of Pat McGregor and not Pat Weller in the acceptance of the agenda. All in favor.**

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR – FATHER MICHAEL COYNE**

- Father explained the Alpha program and said it would probably start in January.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Tea & Talent Sale – Martha Scott**

- President Jane thanked Ruth & Nancy for convening another successful Tea & Talent Sale thanks to their hard work. She especially thanked Martha for all she did.
- Donations and expenses were down.
- After sale sales better. After expenses we had a profit of \$8,223.79 so far.

**Change of Meeting Night**

- Since some of the new executive are unable to attend meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month the following motion was made.
- **Motioned by Joan Lemay, seconded by Ruth McNulty, that SFX CWL change the date of its regular meetings from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to the second Monday of the month. Regular meeting months are February, March, April, May, September, October and November. All in favour.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive Election Slate 2026-2027**

Spiritual Advisor: Father Michael Coyne

Past President: Jane O'Gorman

President: Joan Lemay  
 Vice-President: Ruth McNulty  
 Secretary: Theresa Brydges  
 Treasurer: Rita Mears

Chairpersons of Standing Committees

Faith: Margaret Maloney  
 Service: Nancy Saumure  
 Social Justice: Frederique Ouellet and Anne-Marie Langan  
 Parish Activities: Patti Floysvik

Members who are willing to serve a position on a subcommittee of one of the standing committees will be invited to join once the executive has been elected. We look forward to your continued service to SFX CWL

**Christmas Party – Jane O’Gorman and Marg Maloney**

- The Christmas Party will be held on **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, instead of Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, because of the availability of a caterer..**
- The cost of the Christmas Party Dinner for members is \$30.00; non-members are invited at the cost of \$40.00. Meal payment by December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our council will be paying \$10.00 for members, (to cover tip and taxes) in appreciation to members for the contributions to our council.
- Members who pay their 2026 CWL membership by November 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible to win 1 of 3 dinners in a draw.

**“Bring One” Event Paint Night – Ruth McNulty**

- The paint night will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> as part of our membership drive.

**Intimate Partner Violence at Trinity United Church – Susan Ringrose**

- Susan presented information about this presentation on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Rita Mears**

Rita gave the following report.

Date	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
October 2025	\$32,054.76	\$32,345.85

**CORRESPONDENCE – Johanna Mathieu**

**Thank you's**

- Jane Valliquette for lunch after Ezzie's funeral as well a donation
- Renfrew Foodbank for donation
- Hospice Renfrew for donation

**Other**

- Campaign Letter from Sister Pauline Coulterman
- Christmas Card from the Sisters in Peru
- Mission Magazine

**Communications – Debbie MacDonald**

- Successfully distributed 50 posters in and around Renfrew for the Tea & Talent Sale, as well as posted to 14 Social Media sites.
- Sent an updated report to the Pembroke Diocesan CWL with 2026 - 2027 council names and email addresses.
- Sent a year long synopsis with photos of our 2025 CWL council's events.

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CAROL SULPHER**

- Carol reported that she will have completed the Archives and History update by February 2026.
- She passed the Constitution and By-Laws booklet to the new executive.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANE O'GORMAN**

- Jane in her final report expressed gratitude for having been given the opportunity to serve as The League as President.
- She reviewed our accomplishments of the past two years.
- She regretted that she was not able to dedicate her whole self to the position because of events in her personal and professional life.
- She praised the various gifts of our members and encouraged the members to find joy in the work of the CWL.
- She also reminded the executive about submitting their year-end reports by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP– Ruth McNulty**

Ruth reported the following:

- We have 57 paid members with 4 more memberships received at the meeting. Anyone who pays their 2026 membership by November 30<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for a draw for 1 of 3 free CWL Christmas Dinners on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- She reminded the members of the “Bring One – CWL Information and Paint Night” on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **DIOCESAN UPDATE – JOAN LEMAY**

Joan gave the following report.

- The Diocesan Council's budget was approved at the Fall meeting October 25<sup>th</sup>, with a \$3,000.00 deficit. There will be no membership fee increase at this time. Surplus funds in the bank account will be used to cover the deficit.

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## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Faith – Margaret Maloney**

- Margaret reminded members of the opportunity to keep informed about the diocesan planning process in the upcoming Fall Ecclesial magazine, weekly diocesan bulletin and letters/messages from Bishop Brehl.

### **Service – Nancy Saussure**

- Joan Lemay has offered to help Carol in visiting shut-ins.

### **Social Justice – Bonnie McIntyre**

In Bonnie's absence, Johanna read Bonnie's report.

- Bill C-218 to amend the Criminal Code, making it clear that a mental disorder is not the same as a serious unrepeatable illness goes to a critical second reading on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- She urged all members to reach out to your MP asking them to support this bill. There are plenty of on-line resources to help with this available with more information, including these resources, in an October 28<sup>th</sup> email.

### **Concluding PRAYER: Margaret Maloney**

Margaret Maloney led us in The Prayer for The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Christmas Party, Monday, December 8, 2025 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.**

This concludes my report

Respectfully submitted

Johanna Mathieu