

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L.
GENERAL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SMALL HALL
FEBRUARY 9, 2026
7:00 PM**

President Joan welcomed everyone. Father Coyne and 14 Members were present. Land Acknowledgment read by Joan.

OPENING PRAYER lead by Margaret Maloney

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motioned by Patti Floysvik, seconded by Carol Sulpher, to accept the agenda. All in favour.

2026 PRAYER SERVICE FOR RE-AFFIRMATION OF OFFICERS.

Carol Sulpher and Father Coyne conducted the installation of officers' service.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Spiritual Advisor:	Father Coyne
President:	Joan Lemay
Secretary:	Theresa Brydges
Treasurer:	Rita Mears
Faith:	Margaret Maloney
Social Justice :	Freddie Ouellet (co-chair)

Absent: Past President - Jane O'Gorman, Vice-President – Ruth McNulty, Service Chair – Nancy Saumure, Social Justice co-chair – Anne-Marie Langan

Social Break & 50/50 Draw was \$18.00 won by Margaret Maloney

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Carol Sulpher, seconded by Margaret Legris, to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2025 minutes. All in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Since there was no motion made at the November meeting to accept the 2025 & 2026 Executive, Joan asked for a motion.

Motioned by Debbie MacDonald, seconded by Patti Floysvik to accept the slate for the St. Francis Xavier Executive for 2025 and 2026, as presented at the November 2025 meeting. All in Favour.

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

Rita gave the following report:

November - Starting balance	\$32,345.85
Income	13,257.30
Expenses	5,741.25
End Balance	\$39,861.90

December	Income	6,627.52
	Expenses	14,321.84
	End Balance	\$32,167.58

January	Income	2,490.00
	Expenses	1,144.83
	End Balance	\$33,512.75

Net Income in 2025 from: T&T: \$8,863.09 Rummage Sale: \$5,299.70 Funeral Luncheons: \$7,468.15
Total Net Income for 2025 was \$1,991.31. We gave out \$19,292.00 in donations and gifts.

2026 Budget:

Rita reviewed the 2026 proposed budget and noted changes from 2025: increase in costs of Pin Celebration Expenses, Christmas Dinner Expenses, the Alpha Program donation, Development & Peace donation, Miscellaneous, & Membership Recruitment expenses.

CWL Masses have been booked for 2027 and prepaid in 2026.

A request was made for a copy of the budget. A copy will be sent out with the March mailout. Members were cautioned that the budget is confidential information and is not to be shared with non-members.

**Motioned by Rita, seconded by Freddie, that the budget for 2026 be accepted
All in favour.**

Joan expressed a heartfelt Thank You to all members who work very hard at our main fundraisers, which enables us to give a great deal back to our community and elsewhere.

CORRESPONDENCE – Theresa Brydges

Theresa made mention of the emails bouncing back and to please keep her informed of any changes. Thank You Cards made available for members to read during our break. Debbie will post on our bulletin boards in the large hall. Debbie will also continue to help with our newsletter. Theresa gave all income tax donation receipts to Rita.

Stations of the Cross

- Stations of the Cross and Mass are on Monday evenings during lent. CWL is alternating with the Knights in leading the Stations. Because Mass is at 7pm, our March Council meeting will not start until 7:30 on March 9.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Joan Lemay

- CWL Theme for 2026-27 is **Ignite Your Passion, Empower His Vision** with focus “Blessed are the Poor”. In keeping with this, I would like to suggest a couple of guest speakers: someone from Phoenix Centre, someone from First Steps Options. We already have a speaker booked for our April Meeting, The Sisters of the Holy Cross. The Poor have many faces – those suffering from mental or physical health, stress in dealing with unexpected life events, those who serve the poor.
- The Alpha Program: OLF & SFX CWL councils are alternating with serving meals, 9 meetings. SFX and OLF CWL councils, & KOC have donated \$500 each, plus there was an anonymous donation of \$500. Therefore, we have \$225 to spend per meal. A huge THANK YOU to Patti Floysvik for doing the grocery shopping (a big job), to Mary Steele, Joanne Biersworth and Margaret Legris for making Chili, and helping at our second night and to Nancy Saumure and Ruth McNulty for helping the first night. Rita Mears has offered to coordinate 2 of the remaining nights and I will do 1. But we will be looking for 2 other members to work with us each night. The hours are 4:30-7:30.

- Fr. Brennan has asked if there are any CWL members who would be willing to serve on the altar for funeral masses. He is looking to expand the very scant roster.
- A reminder of the Pastoral Planning Meeting with Bishop Brehl on Tuesday February 17 at St. Joseph High School. Bishop Brehl encourages all parish groups and organizations to attend and asks us to pray to the Holy Spirit to guide the process. I will be attending. And a special Thank you to Margaret Maloney who has served as a member of the steering committee.
- In past years we have held an occasional meeting of our council at Quail Creek to give our members who live there the opportunity to attend. I would like to see us do so this year, and I would like your feedback on this idea.
- The World Day of Prayer is Friday March 6, hosted by OLF CWL, at OLF Church at 2pm. A collection is taken up during the service. If you wish to make an offering, please come prepared. Money collected ensures the continuation of future WDOP services and providing funding grants for projects. (wdpcanada.ca).
- Louise Rockburn, Incoming Diocesan President for 2026-2028 has asked SFX CWL to host the 2027 Diocesan CWL Convention. I ask you to please consider this request and we will discuss it at our March meeting.

Discussion:

- Carol Sulpher will contact First Steps Options re. Speaking at our September meeting.
- Joan will contact the Phoenix Centre for a speaker
- There was support for holding a meeting at Quail Creek Retirement Home.

Past President – Jane O’Gorman

- Regrets. No report.

Vice President/Membership – Ruth McNulty

- In Ruth's absence, Theresa gave Ruth's report

2026 Member to date:

- 104 paid, 1 deceased (Suzette Pelletier) and 11 not yet paid.

Bring One – CWL Information Paint Night

- This event was a success! It was very informative - for current members, as well as potential new ones - and a lot of fun. Most of the 33 registrants were able to attend and 3 new members signed up afterwards (with at least one other who seemed very interested in joining). Many thanks to Freddy for the idea, to Anne-Marie for organizing the painting activity, and to Joan & Margaret M. for SO much help in preparing for the event and for highlighting our CWL!
- I would like to do another information &/ or social evening this spring (i.e., cards, games, other) if you all think it's a good idea. I'm open to suggestions and collaboration!

Faith – Margaret Maloney

- Back table has sign up sheets for CWL Ministry this weekend.

Service – Nancy Saumure

- Regrets. No report.

Report from Margaret Legris

- Delivered Valentine’s for Shut In and nursing homes.
- Marg has list for flowers and delivery for shut ins for Easter & Christmas. There is currently 22 on the list, which is reviewed before each event.

Service to Members:

- Ghosoun thanked the CWL for their gift and prayers in the death of her Father.

Social Justice – Freddie Oulette:

- Concern re government Bill C9 was brought to our attention by Eve Yantha. Bill C-9 title is “the Combatting Hate Act”. However, concerns have been expressed by some groups, including the CCCB, that amendments to the Bill which proposes removal of the long-standing religious exemption has raised the potential for restricting fundamental rights and freedoms. The Justice Committee has voted to suspend the review, but it will resume review in the future. We will need to keep alert on resumed action and may be called upon to write letters in the future.

Calendar of Events – Joan Lemay

- Joan reviewed
- Consider something for Prayers for Palliative Care in May
- Thanked Rita & Debbie for co-ordinating rummage sale again this year
- Thanked Conveners for T&T - Nancy & Ruth
- Margaret Legris will deliver Development & Peace information on the Share Lent Campaign to all 5 parishes this year.

Diocesan Council News

Diocesan Spring Meeting by Zoom, Saturday March 7, 09:30 to 12:30. Guest Speaker at 10:00 -Kathy Matusiak Costa, Director of Compassionate Community Care. The Zoom Link will be emailed when Joan receives it.

Susan Ringrose motioned to adjourn.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney.

- **Thanked Rita & Ruth for the new prayer books**
- **Marg concluded with Prayer for the Priests**

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Respectfully submitted
Theresa Brydges