

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L.
GENERAL MEETING
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SMALL HALL
MARCH 9, 2026
7:30 PM**

President Joan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Father Coyne and 15 Members were present. Land Acknowledgment read by Joan.

OPENING PRAYER lead by Margaret Maloney

Father Coyne presented a Candle of Mary to the council as a gift.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motioned by Marg Legris, seconded by Patti Floysvik, to accept the agenda. All in favour.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motioned by Margaret Legris, seconded by Freddie, to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2026 minutes with small correction. All in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING

- Phoenix Centre request for guest speaker, no response yet. Joan will contact Quail Creek after Phoenix Centre date has been set. No response yet regarding First Step Options guest speaker.
- Request regarding St. Francis Xavier hosting the Diocesan Convention on May 29, 2027. Motion: that St. Francis Xavier CWL council will host the Pembroke Diocesan Convention May 29, 2027. Moved by Anne-Marie Langan, seconded by Johanna Mathieu. All in favor.
- Father Brennan's request for altar servers for funerals. If interested, please contact Father Brennan.

Social Break & 50/50 Draw: was \$10.00 and won by Anne-Marie. Congratulations.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Rita Mears

Balance January 31/26:	\$33,512.75
Income	\$2,500.00
Expenses	\$2,630.71
Balance February 28/26	\$33,382.04

CORRESPONDENCE – Theresa Brydges

CWL Mail

- Thank you from Hospice & Sisters of St. Joseph
- Chalice Invoice and
- Canada Food Grains Magazine

AED REPORT: Theresa Brydges

Theresa spoke with the Finance Committee regarding the availability of the AED for emergency use in the hall if the church is locked. It was suggested that it would be best to purchase a new one. A new defibrillator cost is \$2,043.60 including HST. An outdoor heated defibrillator cabinet is \$859.35 taxes included. Theresa also priced to have the AED moved to an outside location accessible to both the church and the hall. Would have to get it wired by an electrician and purchase a new case for the outside elements. Pads need to be replaced every 2 years for \$285.00 and battery every 4 years \$190.00. We will need to investigate further to see if 1 defibrillator can be made accessible to both Hall and Church.

Theresa also suggested that we need “**In case of emergency**” sign for the hall. We might need 2-3 signs that would state where first aid kit and where the defibrillator is located.

DEFIB & CPR TRAINING: Theresa contacted Robert Blackwell who provided the last training at St. Francis. His response below:

The following is the information you have requested for your meeting about First Aid, CPR and Defibrillator Training.

We spoke about the types of course. The last course you took in 2024 was a CPR/ Defib course. This is a 4-hour course, and your certificate is for only valid for 1 year. The cost of this course is \$55.00 per person. A min of 10 people is required to have a private course.

The course I recommend is the Emergency First Aid, CPR and Defibrillator course. The length of the course is 6 hours; you learn CPR and the Defibrillator as well. You also learn how to take care of someone having breathing problems, cuts, anaphylactic reactions, and diabetic care. This course is valid for 3 years. The cost is \$110.00 per person. A min of 10 people is required to have a private course.

Please email me asap with the month you would be interested in having the course. I will send you available dates for that month.

Several CWL members are interested in taking the training. If combined with other parishioners there would probably be 10 or more for the class.

COMMUNICATIONS – Debbie MacDonald

- When reviewing the Canadian Foodgrains Magazine she said it is rated the 3rd best charity. Most of the money raised goes directly to charity. 87% and 13% overhead.

CWL CONSITITUION AND PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS– Joan Lemay

- We reviewed each proposed amendment and held a vote. All votes were unanimously in favour. The Instructed Votes result form will be sent to CWL National and to the Diocesan President. SFX Council voting delegate will take a copy to the Diocesan Convention for the vote.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Joan Lemay

- Our April meeting will begin with the presentation from the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Parishioners from St Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Fatima, many who were taught by the Sisters, have been invited. Following the presentation we will have our social break, followed by our business meeting.
- Thank you to those who signed up for snacks for the Easter Vigil (Ruth, Anne Marie and myself), and those who signed up for snacks for our April 13th meeting (Rita, Debbie, Margaret L. and Nancy).

- The Pembroke Diocesan CWL Convention is on May 30, 2026. The president of the council attends as voting delegate, but because I am attending as an accredited delegate, as a member of the diocesan council, I will be appointing someone as voting delegate for SFX Council.
- Our council is paying the registration for any of our members who wish to attend the Diocesan Convention May 30th. Hopefully we will have registration forms at our April meeting. Please consider attending this day. With the Convention in Renfrew, it is a great opportunity to experience the next level of the CWL.

VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP – Ruth McNulty

- 104 - paid members
- 11 – not paid
- 1 – deceased

Interest in hosting another Paint Night or another fun activity?

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jane O’Gorman

- Regrets

FAITH – Margaret Maloney

- Thanks to Carol for the Installation ceremony at the Feb. meeting.
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the CWL weekend liturgies in Feb. Sign up sheet available this evening for this weekend.
- Ontario CWL is hosting Prayers Across Ontario for the intentions of a CWL members in each diocese. Next one is Saturday, March 21st at our parish.
- Members are encouraged to take a look at their latest League Magazine with the prayer “Prayer for Passion on the Mission”. We will use that at our April meeting as our closing prayer.
- Special thanks to Joan for her leadership in World Day of Prayer on March 6 at Fatima and to all of our members who were able to attend.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: - Anne-Marie

- Email sent to members and suggested to send a letter to MP as it does make a difference.
- Anne-Marie suggested to have a detailed Advance Directive stating your wishes. This ensures that your next of kin are clear on what your wishes are.

OTHER:

Rummage Sale: Rita and Debbie

- Scheduled for April 25, 2026
- Rita looking for Team Leaders to recruit volunteers
- Need more trucks and vans for pick-ups and delivering to shops at end of day

Alfa Program – Patti Floysvik

- Going well. Proposed if there are any funds left over from the free will offering that it be used to help the leaders pay for their babysitting costs. This would need to be discussed with the other organizations who made donations.

Marriage Prep: Patti Floysvik

- Slated for March 28th & April 11th. Patrick Sullivan is the new co-ordinator.
- Will need 2 volunteers to help those dates. Times are from 9:00am-4:00pm. Food usually gets catered. Waiting to hear back from Patrick.

Land Acknowledgement

The CWL website has a resource for Land Acknowledgement ([cwl.ca/Building Indigenous Relationships](http://cwl.ca/Building%20Indigenous%20Relationships).) “For Indigenous peoples, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values.” (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, n.146). With this in mind, our Land Acknowledgement should be a simple non-political statement.

Patti Floysvik motioned to adjourn.

CONCLUDING PRAYER – Margaret Maloney

- Prayers for Leaders in our Church

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Hall

Respectfully submitted
Theresa Brydges