

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada

The regular meeting of the OMPH Council of the CWL was held on November 9, 2016.

The president, Audrey Shelton, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

There were 15 members in attendance, and Father Wayne Mills. Executive members Evelyn Carter and Jeannine Woods were missing.

Anne Bailey led the opening prayer, Our Lady of Good Counsel and then we watched a music video "God's Creation" (andiesisle on YouTube).

It was moved by Silvia Aird and seconded by Anne Bailey that the agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED

It was moved by Lucy Duke and seconded by Colette Mackey that the minutes of the meeting held on September 14, 2016 be approved. MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence included a CMC calendar and magazine, Priest for Life newsletter, thank-you's from ECCS students, Teresa Wight and Jason Perez, Nora Barker and provincial CWL council. There was an article written by Audrey on our CWL council for the CJTT Anniversary project in 2017. Audrey also included an article, "Joy is a Net of Love", by Most Rev. Fred J. Colli.

Marielle Maguire submitted and reviewed the treasurer's reports for September and October. The October 31 book balance was \$5,663.57. She also reviewed the financial report for our Blue and Gold Bazaar held on October 29, 2016 which made \$2,274.79.

Audrey gave the president's report based on memos from the National executive members. One of the projects for the CWL 100th Anniversary in 2020 is for each council to make an anniversary lap quilt. National Chairperson of Community Life, Betty Colaneri noted that Development and Peace continues to carry out their mission, in line with the Gospel and teachings of the Catholic Faith (i.e. They do not support abortions or birth control). We are being encouraged to write politicians asking for palliative and hospice care to be available to everyone.

Unfinished Business:

Audrey gave the report on the Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at St. Croix on October 16th, of which 40 people attended and enjoyed a barbeque at OMPH following it.

Audrey, Kathy Ruddy gave reports on the Blue and Fold Bazaar October 29th. All felt that it was well attended and all the table articles sold well.

New Business:

The closing of the Holy Door at St. Croix in Haileybury will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, November 12, 2016. We are to meet at 4:30 in the basement of St. Croix for the CWL honor guard. Lucy Duke will hand out the scarves. We need someone to carry the Parish banner.

Audrey discussed the Diocesan CWL Day planned for September 2016 for CWL members. We are asked to give suggestions for activities for this fun day, such as workshops on COMPUTERS, quilting and knitting.

Audrey read a letter from Madeleine MacDougal, from Haileybury, asking for financial support to ship religious knitted articles to Catholic Missionaries in Canada and for purchasing beads to make rosaries for Brother Yvon in the Ivory Coast. Kathy will contact her to see how her funding requests are being fulfilled.

It was moved by Kathy Ruddy, and seconded by Anne Bailey, that we donate \$400.00 to Madeleine MacDougal, to be used for her support of missionary work this year. MOTION CARRIED.

It was moved by Anne Bailey, and seconded by Linda Whitehouse, that we purchase ten plaques for the new OMPH hymnals, in memory of deceased members. MOTION CARRIED.

CWL memberships will be \$25.00 for 2017 and will be collected after one of the masses this year, to be determined with Father Wayne. He will allow us to give a short summary of our CWL mission and activities after that mass, to encourage new memberships. Jeannine will be in charge of the paperwork.

Our Christmas potluck is on December 7th. A committee to organize it consists of Anne, Sandra Willard, Lucy Sowinski and Kathy.

Committee Reports:

Christian Family Life and Legislation: Kathie Garahan reported that we had 11 baptisms and 2 marriages in our parish this year. She has sent out nine petitions to us by email since June. A few more people are needed to volunteer for the ECCS Rosary Meetings, once monthly at noontime.

Election nominations for 2017-18 were run by Lucy Duke and Linda Whitehouse. All positions were acclaimed.

It was moved by Kathie Garahan and seconded by Anne Bailey that the 2017-2018 Executive members are as listed below. MOTION CARRIED.

Past president/Historian: Audrey Shelton
Recording Secretary: Shelley Snyder
Corresponding Secretary: Connie Dancho
Community Life: Evelyn Carter
Christian Family Life: Silvia Aird

President: Kathy Ruddy
Treasurer: Irene Mendes
Organization: Sandra Willard
Health and Education: Kathy Ruddy
Communications: Audrey Shelton

Prayers are requested for Jane (Audrey's mom), Silvia Aird, Jim Garahan, Andrea Hamilton, Lucy Sowinski, Shelley Parker and Marielle Maguire.

We closed with the League Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Audrey Shelton, President

Connie Dancho, Secretary

