

## STAR OF THE SEA C.W.L. GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 7, 2023 MINUTES

### FAITH

Meeting Started: 7:05 pm

### SERVICE

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

**ATTENDANCE:** Connie Tracey, Angela Van Kralingen, Karla Gilmore, Lori Jambrovic, Alexandra Roe, Anne Adam, Lorraine Urquhart, Linda Dirks, Marg Ford, Joan Sim, Jayne Evans, Elsie Pavelko, Mary Jane Stacey, Susanne Honsberger, Joan Hawkes, Caroline Crete, Guida Feliz, Victoria Taylor, Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein

**OPENING PRAYER: A PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY** – included in the agenda and prayed by all, followed by a moment of silence.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – read by Connie Tracey

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 3, 2023 MEETING

**Moved by:** Elsie Pavelko

**Seconded by:** Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Moved by:** Karla Gilmore

**Seconded by:** Susanne Honsberger

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTION – Linda Dirks

- This month's spiritual reflection focused on the fifth commandment, "You shall not kill.", and what the Catechism of the Catholic Church's teaching is on end of life care.
- From the Catechism, Linda referenced paragraphs **2258**, and **2299-2301**.
- We then ended the reflection with the Eternal Rest Prayer followed by the Fatima Prayer.

### CORRESPONDENCE – Angela VanKralingen

- Thank You Card from Jan Takach for offering a Mass for her husband, George.
- Thank You Card from Julie Bayza for the gift of a plant that we sent her for her work in running the parish office when Theresa retired.
- Thank You Card from Fr Richard for hosting the funeral luncheon after the funeral Mass for his father, Joe.
- Thank You Card from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 350 for our donation of the knitted and crocheted poppies for the "Poppy Cascade" at St John's for 2024.
- Chalice Gift Catalogue. \*Two donations were sent to Chalice:
  - One in the amount of \$100 as a Christmas gift for our sponsored child, Irynka, along with a Christmas card.
  - The other was in the amount of \$100 to be directed to "Most Needed" which will then be matched by private donor.
- Chalice Newspaper, Fall 2023 issue.
- Catholic Missions in Canada Magazine, Fall 2023 issue.
  - Of particular note is an article on pp. 24-26 written by Joe Gennaro, Stewardship Officer, regarding the CWL Provincial Convention in July of this year.

- Thank You E-mail from Caroline McCormick, President of Friends of Laura Secord, for the article in the November newsletter regarding the prayer service conducted on Sept 30 at DeCew House Heritage Park.
- Donation request from Hospice Niagara.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** as of Oct 31 – Karla Gilmore

- Chequing-0 Account: \$7827.45
- Savings: \$3438.69
- Chequing-2 Account (Prayer Shawl & Turban Ministry): \$3058.19
- Petty Cash: \$100.00

#### **Christmas Gift for Fr Richard Kowalchuk and Lidia Molinaro**

- ❖ **Motion regarding Christmas gifts for Fr Richard and Lidia:** Elsie Pavelko presented a motion that we give monetary gifts of \$200 to Fr Richard and \$150 to Lidia Molinaro, parish secretary. **Seconded** by Jayne Evans. **Adopted.**

**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR** – Father Richard is away this week

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Respect for Life Award Update** – Lorraine Urquhart

- Lorraine emailed the Religion Chair at Saint Francis to ask about the interest among the students and staff regarding the award.
- She suggested that we would be able to come to a Religion department meeting to make a presentation.
- The Chair did respond to the email by saying that the Grade 12 Religion teacher has informed the students about the scholarship opportunity and she asked if I could resend the brochure so the teacher could post it in the classroom as a reminder.
- Lorraine responded by sending the brochure and writing in the email a description of the award and our hope that it could be used as a possible classroom project.
- Lorraine plans on contacting her again near the end of the first semester to see if they have any possible submissions.

##### **High School Junior Member Update** - Lorraine

- We are still accepting applications.

##### **2. Advent Retreat Update** – Linda Dirks

- Sat Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm
- Reminder: bring a pair of mitts or gloves and a \$5 Tim Hortons gift card.
- Bring a snack to share
- Linda needs help with coffee and tea.

##### **Chez Marie Update** – Linda

- Linda has been in touch with Maria from Chez Marie and so far she has 5 families for our Christmas baskets
- She will make sure to get all of the details soon.

### 3. Socktober Update – Connie Tracey

- 593 pairs of socks were collected and will be donated to Out of the Cold. As they are in the midst of a move, Susan Vendetti will let us know when and where they should be delivered – but has asked us to hang on to them for a short while.

### 4. Christmas Dinner at St. John's Church

- Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Cost: \$35, payable by cheque or cash placed in an envelope and dropped off at the parish office or in the collection basket or by e-transfer to [cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstarofthesea@gmail.com). Be sure to put "CWL Dinner" in the message box
- It was suggested that members without email be contacted to let them know of this dinner.

### 5. Catholic Missions in Canada 2024 Calendar reminder – Anne Adam

- Anyone wishing to have a calendar is asked to sign the list on the bulletin board by the main entrance.
- The cost is \$15 payable upon arrival of the calendars.
- The order will be placed soon.

### 6. Heavenly Hosts' Christmas Market – Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein

- Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm.
- Karen passed around sign-up sheets for the various stations.
- Bakers needed, especially for the Cookie Concourse.
- There are 2 items to be raffled: a Christmas Quilt donated by Joan Hawkes and a Charcuterie board donated by Angie Mannella.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1. Gillian's Place – Lorraine Urquhart

###### Donation to Gillian's Place:

- ❖ **Motion** put forth by Lorraine Urquhart that \$500 be donated to Gillian's Place for women and families escaping domestic violence. **Seconded** by Wilma Vanderzwaag. **Adopted.**

##### 2. Honour Guard – Connie Tracey

- One of our members, formerly from the St. Denis CWL, has requested that our honour guard be at her funeral at St. Denis when the time comes.
- In the new year, a new procedure will be formulated regarding honour processions.

##### 3. Funeral Luncheons – Anne Adam

- Help is required.
- Volunteer forms were passed around and will be placed in the pews during the Masses of the December 2-3 weekend in an effort to recruit more volunteers.
- Volunteers to collect the forms are needed at the Masses.
- Contact Anne Adam if you can help.

#### REPORTS:

##### 1. FAITH – Linda Dirks

**National** *with excerpts from Rolande Chernichan,*

## Synod

Pope Francis appointed more than 450 participants, including dozens of religious men and women and laypeople worldwide, to attend the first general assembly of the Synod on Synodality convened October 4-29, 2023. Noteworthy is that more than 50 women participated as voting members of the synod.

## Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has invited the faithful to begin to prepare for Jubilee 2025 by taking time to study and reflect on the four constitutions of Vatican II and the meaning of these documents for the life of the church today. Starting November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop's Office for Evangelization and Catechesis provides an opportunity to participate in a series of webinars on the Four Constitutions of Vatican II below

- *Sacrosanctum Concilium* with Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, PH, VG, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST.
- *Dei Verbum* with Most Rev. Yvan Mathieu, SM, Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST.
- *Gaudium et Spes* with Sr. Donna Geernaert, SC, Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST.
- *Lumen Gentium* with Dr. Catherine Clifford, Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30 p.m. CST.

[https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN\\_Xf09Vsi\\_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/9416927172336/WN_Xf09Vsi_SjiilwdLPzWMdQ#/registration)  
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**Provincial excerpts from the report by Wilma Vanderzwaag**

## Book of Life

At the Fall Meeting (October 12-14) of the Ontario Provincial Council it was decided that all parish and diocesan councils submit the names of long standing deceased members to be entered in the provincial and diocesan Book of Life even if their dues are not up to date.

## Virtual Prayer Session for our Spiritual Advisors

On December 11, 2023 at 7pm, Wilma will be hosting a virtual prayer service for our spiritual advisors and for vocations. Bishop Thomas Dowd, the Ontario Provincial Council Spiritual Advisor will be the co-host. Please register to attend using the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvdOqurjovGNx1leK4M8Osjnf7cCW4gmuP>

## Diocesan Events

**The Advent Retreat at Mt Carmel** is being organized by Faith Chair DeeDee Alexander. 60 sisters will attend the Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> retreat and 63 on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>

The Advent lesson "Look to the Sparrow: a discussion on your worth in the eyes of the Lord" will be led by myself, Linda Dirks, with a follow up craft element designed by our own Eileen McAulliffe.

## Our Parish Events

**ALPHA** continues in our parish hall Wednesday nights until the end of November. It is lead by Joyce Bott and her team of amazing volunteers.

The closing Holy Spirit Retreat for all participants will be held after the 11 o'clock mass on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Approximately 30 people attend each night including many of our sisters in the league, who are taking up this opportunity to grow their faith. Another ALPHA session is being considered.

2. **SERVICE** – Karen Shakespeare-Eckstein

No report at this time.

### 3. **SOCIAL JUSTICE** – Lorraine Urquhart

#### **Resolution 2023.01 Combating Textile Waste in Canada**

It was adopted at the 103rd national annual meeting of members in Saint John, New Brunswick. This resolution addresses the great concern that textile waste is for Canada. It is something that we can all think about this Christmas shopping season. What happens to the clothing garment that you no longer want? We are encouraged to donate it but not all items are distributed to those in need. Many unwanted clothing items end up in landfill sites both in Canada and in developing nations. We are called to be more prudent with our spending habits and to think about textile waste the next time we feel the impulse to shop for a new clothing item.

Jayne Evans volunteers at Evergreen Thrift Store, 5663 Ferry Street, NF, and has stated that this store will accept old clothes that are unfit for sale. The store then sells them to a textile recycler. If you have any clothes that are not in a good enough condition to be donated, contact her and she will bring it to this store.

### 4. **ORGANIZATION** – Jayne Evans

Jayne reports that there are over 60 members that have paid their 2024 dues of \$35 which is the same fee as last year.

### 5. **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Karen Lee (absent)

No report at this time, but knitters and crocheters are urged to work on hats and scarves for the refugees, and also prayer shawls and lapghans. A bag of hats and scarves are set aside with the socks collected for Out of the Cold.

#### **TURBAN STITCHERS** – Connie on behalf of Marg Martin who sent her regrets

Since the Last report of October 3rd ,2023 our group has delivered 53 hats to the oncology department of the St Catharines General hospital. Another 4 were given to parishioners who had the need.

We have met twice since our last report and we meet approximately every 2 weeks on a Tuesday at 1 pm. Our next meeting is November 14th at 1 pm.

Many thanks to all who contribute time and money to this ministry.

### 6. **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** – Caroline Crete on behalf of Angie Mannella

Several fundraising/community building ideas which were shared at this meeting. Two items of note are:

- publishing a cookbook for our parish's CWL 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2027). Anyone with a recipe that they would like to share is asked to submit it to Angie. If there is a history or some anecdote that goes with the recipe, that would be appreciated, e.g., the recipe has been in the family for x number of years. Also, if there is a prayer that accompanies the recipe, then submit that also.
- Attending a play at the Shaw Festival as a group outing. For example, in 2024 the Shaw Festival will be offering "My Fair Lady" as one of the plays next season.
- The committee discarded the idea of a karaoke night, but is investigating a Purse Bingo.

It was mentioned that since we had a very successful basket raffle, and our Christmas Market is approaching, we are not in need of money at this time, so perhaps we could focus on the events that build community instead of being concerned about raising money - .i.e. **FUN**draising.

Further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting.

**In addition:**

Connie mentioned that the St. Catharines Standard recently published an article about **Out of the Cold**, in which Chairperson, Susan Vendetti, stated that funds were needed to purchase groceries in bulk. It was discussed that we could donate funds for such a purpose.

**\*Motion was put forth by Wilma Vanderzwaag, and seconded by Elsie Pavelko, that we donate \$1000 to Out of the Cold. Adopted.**

**-Christmas gifts for the shut-ins**

Last year, Karla and Eileen visited the shut-ins and gave them a Christmas card along with chocolates. This year, Jayne and possibly Eileen or Guida will see to it.

**There will be no general meeting in December.**

**The next general meeting to be TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024.**

Many thanks to those who attended the CWL Mass on Sunday – it was for the repose of the son of Phyllis Carter, Hugh. Phyllis's family was in attendance and were most appreciative.

Also – thank you to all who attended the Mass for the Deceased, on Sunday afternoon at St. Kevin's Church, in Welland. It was a lovely Mass and was well attended by our council.

**The meeting closed with the League prayer.**

**Meeting Ended: 9:13 pm**

**Next CWL Mass – 5:00, Dec.2 (after our Advent Retreat). It is for the repose of the souls of George Takach and Joseph Kowalchuk.**

Thank you to Angie Mannella and Jayne Evans for the delicious refreshments.

**50/50 DRAW** Won by: Lorraine Urquhart Amount: \$18