

## St Basil's CWL March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 9 at 11 am

**Welcome and Opening Prayer:** Elizabeth acknowledged that our meeting is taking place on un-ceded territory of the Algonquin First Nation.

**Reflection:** Regarding the wisdom of Grandmothers from Pope Francis, read by Elizabeth Elliot.

**Motion to accept minutes** February meeting as distributed. Motion moved by Margie Livingstone. Seconded by Maureen Ramsay. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence** sent and received: A thank you card was received from Margaret Bott, thanking the CWL for the funeral reception for her husband, Philip Bott. Other correspondence received were the usual requests for donations.

**Finance: Treasurer's report:** Bank balance as of March 8, 2019 is \$1,130.76.

A motion was moved by Sister Barbara to order a mass to be said for Philip Bott, husband of CWL member Margaret Bott, Seconded by Catherine Casserly. Motion carried

### **Business arising from the minutes:**

Palliative Care: Motion that CWL recommend to PC that St. Basil's offer to participate in pilot project. It was suggested that this item await Mary Ross's return. We need more information regarding the CCCB's direction on this issue. A joint meeting with the Pastoral Council was suggested also. See the article on this topic in the latest edition of the CWL magazine. It is suggested that members be encouraged to follow the action plan, as follows:

- Write to the prime minister, ministers of justice and health, and your member of parliament urging the government to legislate designation of hospice/palliative care free from medical assistance in dying.
- Educate members on keeping hospice and palliative care free from medical assistance in dying.

-Where hospices are performing medical assistance in dying, withdraw all funding. Write to the board of directors of hospices stating the reason for the withdrawal of donations.

-Monitor the federal government's response to the request contained in the resolution (2018.03).

Stations of the Cross: March 8 "Mary's Way of the Cross" – was very successful and prayerful. The attendance was double last year's at 22. After some discussion it was decided that the same format will be used again on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Plans

Homelessness: Update on action items from February meeting. Elizabeth Elliot has written to the Bishop of Hearst Moosonee to inquire if there is a remote community that needs our support? She has not heard back yet.

Banner: Update – still in progress. There is a committee meeting regarding the banner on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CWL National:** Theme: **Care for our common home** (focus on water)

Ottawa diocesan Council wants report of what parish is doing by March 25; Provincial is launching a major project on water conservation and preservation on March 22 (World Water Day). After much discussion it was agreed that we would release the Save Water project handout containing the hints for saving on water consumption to the broader parish and to the St Daniel's School. This is a project that non-meeting attending members can participate in, as well as the children.

**CWL Diocesan:** Lenten Morning of Reflection - March 23, 9 am Our Lady of Visitation Church, 5338 Bank Street; those who plan to attend must inform Elizabeth by March 15, no charge, Lug a Mug. Reflection is being led by Deacon Jim Scheer.

**Diocesan Convention:**

Saturday May 4, Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Rd. Stittsville. Let Elizabeth know if you wish to attend. The deadline for registration is April 4. There is a diocesan development fund that we can access to pay for the registrations.

**New Business:**

Since home and family life is important to CWL it was agreed to organize a Blessing of Couples who are celebrating milestones - 5, 10, 15 etc. years of marriage at masses on May 11/12. Fr. Daryold and the marriage prep team are on board with this initiative. This is the Mother's Day weekend.

Sale of shamrocks for St. Pat's Home before and after Masses March 9/10 and March 16/17. Volunteers needed. All masses are now covered – thank you to the volunteers. Shamrocks are stored in the Resource Room.

**Other Business:**

Proposal to assist the Children's Liturgy: Volunteers needed – ideally 10. To read the Gospel for that week to the children, using the Children's Lectionary, and then engage the children in an activity (ie colouring) around the week's reading. 1 Sunday per month during May & June, and hopefully going forward in the fall. It is assistance only for the two leaders. The children are under 7 years of age. Judy Young, Catherine Casserly, Maureen Ramsay and Elizabeth Elliot have volunteered. Susan Fekete will be advised. Mary Lou at the parish office is involved in this at Holy Redeemer parish and has resources that can be accessed.

Bob Czerny is proposing a discussion at the parish to take place on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, titled 'A Church We Trust, the Church We Want', concerning the abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, using the documents from the CCCB regarding the protection of minors. Looking for our assistance/co-sponsorship. It would be a 3-hour morning meeting, open to the diocese. It is an examination of the CCCB document and an initiation of discussion, not a disclosure session. After much discussion it was decided that we need to know more before committing to

anything. There are concerns regarding context, media, preparation for intense feelings that are bound to arise etc.

These two projects support our Four (4) League Objects, which are:

- 1 – Achieve individual and collective spiritual development,
- 2-Promote the teachings of the Catholic Church,
- 3-Exemplify the Christian ideal in home & family life,
- 4-Protect the sanctity of life.

**Next meeting:** Friday, April 12 at 7:30pm – right after the Stations of the Cross (Mary's Way of the Cross).

**Prayer Circle**