



**The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Edmonton Diocesan Council
Fall Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2019
Sacred Heart Parish, Wetaskiwin, AB**



1. Call to Order:

President Mary Molloy warmly welcomed everyone, thanked all for their attendance and declared the Edmonton Diocesan Fall Meeting 2019 of the Catholic Women's League of Canada open at 10:10am.

Opening Prayer:

Sr. Susan Scott, Diocesan Officer, led an Opening Prayer: We live in this amazing interconnected, inter dependent web of life; and also the League Prayer.

2. Opening Remarks:

a. Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish:

Juliette Huberdeau, President of Sacred Heart Council, welcomed everyone to Sacred Heart Parish.

b. Housekeeping:

Juliette Huberdeau made housekeeping announcements, noted the table centres and announced plants and apple pies for sale.

c. Introduction of Diocesan Officers:

Mary Pat O'Neill filled in for introduction of Diocesan Officers and noted that this introduction would be recorded by the secretary as roll call. Also, introduced was our Diocesan Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Jan Sobkowicz.

Diocesan Officers - 11	
Mary Molloy	President
Clover Oryschak	President-Elect / Organization
Sr. Susan Scott	Vice President / Spiritual
Marguerite Critchley	Secretary
Marguerite Attlebery	Treasurer
Cheryl Boom	Past President
Annette Valstar	Christian Family Life
Katherine Tarras	Community Life
Kara Pelech	Education & Health
Susan Casey	Communications
Mary Pat O'Neill	Resolutions & Legislation

d. Introduction of Special Guests:

Clover Oryschak introduced special guest, Honorary Life Member, Ardis Beaudry and Life Members, Fran Lucas and Cathy Bouchard, Connie McBride, June Fuller, Rose-Marie McCarthy, Lynne Persson, and Mary-Lou Veecken; Past Diocesan Presidents, Mary Hunt, Gwen Elliott and Mable Solomon; Zone Chairs who are here today, even if they are not registered in that capacity, Paula Nolan, Mariette Huot, Patricia Standage and Cathy Bouchard.

e. Spiritual Advisor’s Reflections – Fr. Jan Sobkowicz

Fr. Jan reflected on the importance of Prayer, the Bible, and the Sacraments; building a community and social life. -52

Gospel reading: Mark 10:46

3. Mass Collection:

One suggestion was brought forward:

- Sacred Heart for Now Project in Wetaskiwin

4. Roll Call

Mary Pat O’Neill conducted the roll call of council presidents or their designate.

Parish Councils Represented - 37	
Beaumont, St. Vital	Fort Saskatchewan, Our Lady of the Angels
Camrose, St. Francis Xavier	Hinton, Our Lady of the Foothills
Devon, St. Maria Goretti	Lloydminster, St. Anthony
Edmonton, Annunciation Parish	Mearns, St. Charles
Edmonton Corpus Christi	Olds, St. Stephen
Edmonton, Our Lady of the Assumption	Parkland County, Holy Trinity
Edmonton, Good Shepherd	Ponoka, St. Augustine
Edmonton, St. Agnes	Provost, St. Mary
Edmonton, St. Alphonsus	Red Deer, Sacred Heart
Edmonton, St. Anthony	Red Deer, St. Mary
Edmonton, St. Charles	Rimbey, St. Margaret
Edmonton, St. Clare	St. Albert, Holy Family
Edmonton, St. Dominic Savio	St. Albert, St. Albert
Edmonton, St. John Bosco	St. Michael, St. Michael the Archangel
Edmonton, St. John the Evangelist	Sherwood Park, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Edmonton, St. Joseph Basilica	Stettler, Christ King
Edmonton, St. Theresa	Trochu, St. Anne of the Prairies
Edmonton, St. Thomas More	Villeneuve, St. Peter

5. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

6. Approval of Pre-Convention Executive Meeting, April 26, 2019 Lloydminster:

MOVED by Angie Cooke, St. Joseph Basilica, Edmonton, seconded by Belinda Halbach, St. Vital, Beaumont. Carried

Approval of Post-Convention Executive Meeting, April 28, 2019 Lloydminster:

Declared approved as circulated by President Mary Molloy.

7. Treasurer's Report presented by Marguerite Attlebury (see attached reports for details)

- Updates on the CWL General Account up to Aug 31, 2019 were provided, including the Comparative Income Statement, the Expense Statement and the Balance Sheet which shows a balance of \$33,305.92.
- Updates on the CWL Convention Account up to August 15, 2019 were provided, including the Comparative Income Statement and Balance Sheet which shows a balance of \$18,646.96.
- Working on 2020 Budget.

8. Presentation: Fran Lucas – Future of the League

Fran Lucas, President Elect, National, presented the Five-Year Strategic Plan with the opening Star Wars theme – The Future of the League. Fran introduced the committee members and where we were with the league and where we are today. One hundred years have come and gone in the history of the league. We are in the 1st year of the five-year plan: League of the Future – Year 1. The future Catholic Women's League will focus on three main pillars: Faith, Service and Social Justice.

Objectives:

- Increase membership
- Improve the perception of the League

Committee tasks consist of:

- Train the trainers
- Combine similar strategies
- Define Targets
- Strategic Overviews
- Five Year Strategy Map
- List of Volunteers
- Communication Plan

Next Steps:

- Form focus groups
- Conduct surveys
- Develop Working Groups – volunteers needed
- Hire a marketing agency: essential to the success of implementation.

Pray: We are encouraged to pray "The prayer of renewal for the success of this huge initiative. Invite women to join the Catholic Women's League, appreciate your members, and celebrate the gifts and talents of each counsel.

Refer to:

- National CWL website
- A Star is Born Manual on the website.
- Facebook – CWL National

9. Shelter History Book

Rose-Marie McCarthy presented an overview of the women's shelters in Edmonton. In 2017 a committee was formed to write the history of the women who were founders of the sheltering movement for women in Edmonton in the late 1960's. Many members of the Catholic Women's League were involved and almost all councils contributed.

The Overnight Accommodation Center was funded by the Provincial Government and handed over to the City Centre Church Corporation. After 5 years, a shelter for battered women and their children was created, now known as WIN House, leading to the establishment of WINGS, Lurana, Safe Place and other rural shelters in our diocese.

Though the budget to publish this history book was \$21,000, the committee was granted only \$7,000. The committee is in need of funds. The Book is expected to be available in 2020.

10. Spiritual Development Evening Retreat

Kara Pelech announced that Fr. Richard Leonard, SI, from Australia, will facilitate an evening retreat "On Mission with Christ", Monday, October 28, 7:00pm, Corpus Christie Parish. Cost is \$15.00. Contact Kara Pelech karapelech@telus.net or any Diocesan Officer for tickets.

11. Reports:

a. President – Mary Molloy (see attached report)

Diocesan priorities were established based on feedback from our Annual Convention-

- Incorporate and encourage participation in the National theme "Care our Common Home" focussing on Rejoicing in God's Gifts
- Provide support to our Parish Councils
- Modernize Diocesan Level
- Enhanced spiritual development at meetings/Conventions
- Support our parishes and the greater Catholic Community

The committee reviewing our Zone Structure and final recommendation has been prepared and will be presented this afternoon for debate and possible implementation.

Planning is now underway for a Diocesan retreat co-sponsored with Knights of Columbus.

In addition, the Diocesan Council was represented on the Archbishop's Dinner Advisory Committee. Lastly, seven of the Diocesan Officers attended the National Convention in Calgary in August.

b. Secretary – Marguerite Critchley (see attached report)

- Attended National Convention in Calgary as well as continuing to transcribe Minutes; responding to communiques; and updating various rosters.

c. Past President – Cheryl Boom (see attached report)

- Provided Updates on current work being carried out included archives and history, work on Edmonton Diocesan Council Projects. Goals for this term include organizing archives and a review of Manual of Policy and Procedures.

12. Standing Committee Reports:

- a) **Spiritual Development – Sr. Susan Scott** (see attached report)
Sr. Susan spoke about the Role of Women in the Church and provided a list of wonderful books that explore women in the Scriptures

- b) **Organization – Clover Oryschak** (see attached report)
Provided an update on the **Parish Buddy calls**, final report of the Zone Restructuring Sub-Committee and map of new Regions. Also, provided an update on the National CWL's Strategic Planning

- c) **Christian Family Life – Annette Valstar** (see attached Report)
Discussed the list of Seminarians for 2019-2020. There are 36 Seminarians for our Adopt-a-Seminarian Program.
Gave overview of activities including visit to Carmelite Nuns, information on Legion of Mary Junior Retreat, updates on activities that fall under Respect for Life. Provided information on availability of information the Annulment Process on National CWL website and updated on the Alberta Senior Advocate visits.

- d) **Community Life – Katherine Tarras** (see attached Report)
Provided an update on activities to date with mention of 99th National Convention, information on Voting as Catholics, CCCB Annual Plenary Assembly, Refugee Bag Project and the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

- e) **Education & Health – Kara Pelech** (see attached Report)
Provided updates on Orange Shirt Day to commemorate the residential school experience; the Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award to Cathy and David Bouchard on October 30th; Read in Week from October 7 – 11; the 25th Annual Poster Contest and the Evening Retreat with Fr. Richard Leonard on October 28.

- f) **Communications – Susan Casey** (see attached Report)
Provided updates on activities to date including learning to use the website platform and asked for members to join the Communication Standing Committee.

- g) **Resolutions & Legislation – Mary Pat O'Neill** (see attached Report)
Explained the changes to the CWL National Resolution Process. Encouraged Council Chairpersons and/or members to monitor legislation at all levels.

13. Zone Restructure Report – Clover Oryschak and Jean Ashdown (see attached Report)

Clover and Jean gave a presentation on the current Zone Structure and the proposal by the Zone Restructuring Sub-Committee for a Regional Diocesan Structure. The proposed four new geographical regions were pre: Edmonton-Jasper, St. Albert-Lloydminster, Edmonton-Provost and Red Deer. A workshop was carried out for all members present.

MOTION by Clover Oryschak, St. Thomas More / Diocesan Officer, to accept the recommendation of Zone Restructuring Sub-Committee for the elimination of zones and the replacement of the Diocesan Midwinter Meeting with Diocesan Midwinter Workshops to be

held in four (4) newly defined regions. Seconded by Patricia Standage, Christ King, Stettler. Vote taken by all present. Motion carried. The new regional structure is now in place.

The Midwinter Meeting is being eliminated and replaced with Diocesan Midwinter workshops which would be held between October and March, one per region, consisting of a morning workshop(s) to be delivered by 2 Diocesan Officers. The afternoon would consist of a parish council led activity to provide feedback to the Diocesan Council. The same workshops would be delivered in each region for consistency and continuity across all 4 regions. There will be no fees as all finances for Diocesan workshops would reside with the Diocesan Council. All Zone Chairs are requested to close the Zone bank accounts and present a financial statement to Clover Oryschak within two weeks (October 15/19). The disbursement of the balance of funds will be a Zone decision.

14. Mass Collection

Marguerite Attlebery reported the total Mass collection to be \$996.45. The money will be given to NOW: Neighborhood Outreach Wetaskiwin.

15. Registration Report:

Patti Heck gave the registration report as follows:

11	Diocesan Officers
1	Diocesan Spiritual Advisor
37	CWL Parish Council Presidents or Designates
4	Zone Chairpersons
1	Honorary Life Members
5	Life Members
73	CWL Members
0	Spiritual Advisors
1	Guests
133	TOTAL ATTENDANCE

16. Closing Prayer:

Sr. Susan Scott led the closing prayer: Season of Creation; Walking Together and Sowing the Seeds of Peace.

17. Adjournment:

President Mary Molloy thanked Juliette Huberdeau and all the members of Sacred Heart Council for all their work hosting this wonderful event.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

Mary Molloy, President

Marguerite Critchley, Secretary

Oral Reports presented:

a) **President, Mary Molloy reported -**

The Edmonton Diocese is made up of many dedicated and faith filled group of women. We had a full slate of officers elected in April 2019. We have been busy since the Diocesan Convention. Officers' meeting has been held, the first in July was a full planning day to explore each of our roles and to begin to set our direction for the coming year. Meetings held to plan our annual Fall Meeting to be held in Wetaskiwin, September 28th.

Diocesan priorities were established based on feedback from our Annual Convention in Lloydminster in April as follows:

1. Incorporate and encourage participation in the National theme "Care our Common Home" focussing on Rejoicing in God's Gifts through our standing committees and speakers at meetings and events.
2. Provide support to our Parish Councils
 - a. Provide workshops/training for struggling with membership and finding members to take on leadership roles.
 - b. Encourage Councils to streamline process
 - c. Improve communication with Parish Councils
 - i. Continue Buddy System
 - ii. Provide in service training for new executives.
3. Modernize Diocesan Level
 - a. Reduce the number of meetings
 - b. Reduce the number of zones to 4 regions
 - c. Eliminate Zone Fees
 - d. Eliminate duplication
4. Enhanced spiritual development at meetings/Conventions
 - a. Incorporating Pope's Francis 'teachings and promoting Laudato Si
 - b. Encourage members to be a servant leadership in
5. Support our parishes and the greater Catholic Community
 - a. Encourage participation in GrACE
 - b. Continue to promote palliative care and right to life initiatives
 - c. Develop partnership to support families and women through support of CSS, Women's Shelter, Homeward Trust

The committee reviewing our Zone Structure, now chaired by President-Elect and Organization Standing Committee Chair, Clover Oryschak met over June, July and August consulting with members to develop the recommendation approved at our April Convention to replace zones with regional meetings. The final recommendation has been prepared and will be presented this afternoon for debate and possible implementation.

Planning in underway for a Diocesan retreat co-sponsored with Knights of Columbus to be held Monday, October 28th at Corpus Christie Catholic Parish, Edmonton. Fr. Richard Leonard, SJ will

lead an evening retreat entitled “On a Mission with Christ”, focusing on the eight elements Pope Francis has challenged the church to adopt in terms of our mission. Kara Pelech will provide details in her report.

As a Diocesan Council, we will be seeking other opportunities to partner with organizations to co-sponsor events for our members. This will include other events in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus such as the March for Life, working with the Catholic School Districts promoting GrACE in support of catholic education and to support other spiritual growth activities.

The Diocesan Council was represented on the Archbishop’s Dinner Advisory Committee. Members are invited to attend the event on October 4th at the Shaw Conference Center. The purpose of the dinner is to communicate the Archbishop’s vision and to annually update accomplishments and annual priorities in the Archdiocese. Tickets are \$100.00 and can be obtained through the Chancery Office.

Seven of the Diocesan Officers attended the National Convention in Calgary in August. All the officers came away with a renewed sense of commitment. The presentation of Fran Lucas, “*The League of the Future: Year 1*” resulted in lots of debate among our officers and we asked Fran to make this presentation at this Fall Meeting. The question box “Ask Anne” was also a highlight as many questions and interests were addressed. Something to consider for our meetings or convention.

b) Secretary, Marguerite Critchley, reported -

This is my first Fall Meeting as Diocesan Secretary. I am still learning the duties of the position, with the help of my fellow Diocesan Officers.

My priorities for reporting will be focus on accuracy and clarity.

I have updated the Parish Council Presidents Roster which is in your packages. Parish Presidents, please review the current Roster and let me know of anything that still needs changing. Some of your terms as President will end at the end of the year. It’s essential that you inform me of the changes.

The Diocesan Officers, Zone Chairs, Life and Honorary Life members rosters are updated as changes occur.

Each Parish President should have received a call from your Diocesan Buddy or Zone Officer. During this call you updated us on any new information required on the roster; and, informed your parish buddy of any concerns you may have.

During your Parish buddy call, you were asked to send me, a list of your executive members. I plan to create a list of committee chairs from each council in order to assist executive members in contacting others in the same committee. For example: a Christian Family Life committee

chair may want to share ideas with other Christian Family Life committee chairs in other councils, thus providing yet another resource to assist you in your ministry. When complete, I will send this cross-reference list to all Parish Presidents to share with their executives.

As far as registration, everyone here should have signed in at the registration desk, on the appropriate sheets. If you have not yet signed in for today, please do so.

I like to express a huge thank you to all council secretaries for your dedication and service.

This concludes my report. Are there any questions?

c) President-Elect, Organization, Clover Oryschak reported –

- Decline in Diocesan membership (about 200 members/year)
 - Similar declines are being experienced across Alberta, Canada, parishes and other Catholic organizations
 - Need to reach out; if every member invited one other Catholic woman this year, this would double our membership within one year – please take this on as a council goal
- Make sure your council is recognizing its members through service pins, the maple leaf service award, and Bellelle Guerin award
 - Celebrate the gifts and talents each woman brings to your council, and the dedicated service each woman provides
 - Recognition for hard work and dedicated service help all members feel appreciated, noticed, and valued – regardless of years of service, age or position held.
 - This year, try to find a way to tell each member of your council how much you appreciate the gift they are to the League – this may be a private thanks, a personal note, a public recognition at a meeting, scroll, certificate, pin or award.
- Build a culture of sisterhood within your council
 - Look out for each other, support each other, and encourage one another
 - Women join the Catholic Women’s League for a variety of reasons (eg interest in service, to strengthen their faith, or to make new friends in the parish) but women stay because of a sense of purpose and the deep friendships that form
 - Likewise, encourage other Catholic women in your family to join (daughters, grand-daughters, nieces, cousins, and sisters)
- Zone Restructuring Workshop this afternoon
 - Please look at the zone and regional maps on display – find your council, take a look at the newly defined regions where Midwinter Workshops would be held, and review the final report from the Zone Restructuring Sub-Committee if you have not already
- Parish Buddy calls took place early to mid-September – did you get yours?
 - If you did not hear from your Parish Buddy, let me know – we may have old contact information for your council that needs updating

- You can also follow up with your Parish Buddy – the list of parish councils by Parish Buddy is posted at the Organization table for your information.

d) Treasurer, Marguerite Critchley reported –

I would like to present an overview of our finances:

1. Catholic Women's League General Account (up to Aug 31)

Comparative Income Statement

➤ Revenue:

Per capita fees – by this time last year, in 2018, we had collected \$16,784 which is relatively flat to our current YTD collection of \$16,844.

National Supplies (Sales) – current YTD @ \$1,407.70 which is down by 42% vs. previous year (\$2,422); and the majority of these sales occurred at Provincial Convention in Grande Prairie.

➤ Expenses:

Through to end of year we can expect some additional expenses under mileage, National Convention (for our delegates), Fall Meeting (hotel, meals, printing)

Balance Sheet

Cheques have been sent for St. Benedict's Chapel (\$4,490), and for Refugee Welcome Bag Project (\$900.00). If you are making donations for this year, please use the Parish Remittance form and send it to me along with one cheque for total amount by early December, if possible....be sure to keep a copy for your records. Donations for groups on the National Remittance form should be sent directly to National Office.

2. Catholic Women's League Convention Account (up to Aug 15)

Comparative Income Statement

➤ Revenue:

1. Registration was lower than budgeted: actual @ \$14,265 vs budget @ \$18,975.00.

➤ Expenses:

1. Expenses came in less than budget (due to lower number of registrants), but overall, the expenses ran slightly over revenue; leaving us with a shortfall of **\$533.45**.

Balance Sheet

Current balance on this account is \$18,721.96

3. Budgets – this exercise will commence soon for 2020.

If you have anything that you would like taken into consideration, please contact me. The budget will be approved at our Mid-Winter meeting in early 2020.

Standing Committee Reports

a) Christian Family Life, Annette Valstar reported -

Vocations:

The new list of Seminarians for the 2019 -2020 year is out. There are 36 Seminarians for our Adopt-a-Seminarian Program, 30 returning and six new. The Seminarian calendars and prayer cards will be out in October. The sign-up sheets are at the Christian Family Life table.

On September 24th I met with the Carmelite Nuns, a cloistered order devoted to a life of Prayer, in a convent by Devon. They are a small group and would welcome inquiries from anyone interested in living their religious life. They create crafts and depend on donations for their temporal support. More information and their website are at the CFL display table.

Youth:

Legion of Mary is having their annual Junior Retreat for 7 to 17-year old's, on October 19 from 8am to 3:30pm at Corpus Christi Parish (2707 – 34 street NW). Registration and food free.

Respect for Life;

Life Chain is a peaceful, public witness praying for the end of abortion. On Sunday October 6th between 2pm to 3pm there will be simultaneous life chains around the nation. Information about locations will be in parish bulletins or on the pro-life website.

On Thursday October 24th at the Chateau Louis in Edmonton there is a presentation featuring Rebecca Kiessling, a lawyer conceived in a violent assault. She is a powerful speaker and tells her story of healing and discovery.

Divorce and remarriage:

A pamphlet on the annulment process can be downloaded from the National Catholic Women's website. This is an important and timely topic and a good way to inform and educate our Sisters in the League.

Seniors/Elderly

The Alberta Senior's Advocate, Dr. Sheree Kwong See, has been visiting Alberta communities to report on her advocacy work and seek input about the future direction of the Senior advocate's office. She will be in Camrose September 30, from 1:30 – 3:30 at the Rosehaven Heritage Building; in Edmonton on Tuesday October 1st at the West end Seniors Activity Centre and in St Albert from 7 – 8:30 on October 7th.

b) Katherine Tarras, Community Life reported

I am Katherine Tarras your Community Life Chair, I am very happy to be back to serve you, my sisters in the League for the next two years. I had the opportunity to attend the 99th National Convention in Calgary, which was overflowing with tons of information from the Strategic Planning progress report to the four break out session relating to "Our Common Home" with links to the topics at the Calgary website: www.calgarycwl.ca/2019nationalconvention

Dignity and Rights of Persons: We as an organization should be proud of what we do for others as we stand up for the less fortunate, are a voice to the Unborn, now may we exercise our right to vote next month. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, the CCCB, has literature on "Voting as Catholics, 2019 Federal Election Guide." For those that are interested the information may be found on the CCCB web site: www.cccb.ca or I have a copy at my display you can read. Other topics on this web site included: information on Our Indigenous People, World Youth Day, Salt and Light and Development and Peace.

This past week the CCCB had their Annual Plenary Assembly - Development and Peace – *Caritas Canada report was on their agenda. At this time we are still waiting to hear of the outcome.*

The Refugee Bag Project has a new home! The ladies of St. Joseph's Basilica have taken on this initiative. Thank you very much Ladies. A very Special Thanks goes out to Rachelle Pouliot and her team at St. Charles for their time and dedication for almost 10 years they spent collecting and preparing the numerous bags. The approximate totals have been 3,848 arrivals and 1,290 bags!

There is a request for items:

Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, hand soap, shampoo, lotion, deodorant: for men and for women, razors and shaving cream for men only.

Children's items such as: Colouring books pencil crayons, small stuffed animals and playing cards.

Current Calendars and re-useable grocery bags are in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

The 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on **29 September 2019**. The theme of Pope Francis' Message is "**It is not just about migrants**". In his Message, the Holy Father reminds us that "it is not only the cause of migrants that is at stake; it is not just about them, but about all of us, and about the present and future of the human family.

Our National Chairperson of Community Life, Marie Rackley, would like us to look for the article in the fall issue of ***The Canadian League*** magazine written by Life Member Dorothy Johansen on human trafficking in Canada.

c) Kara Pelech, Education and Health reported –

Every child matters

This year Orange shirt day will be recognized on September the 30. The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

This years Kevin Carr recipients is our very own Cathy Bouchard... Cathy and her husband David Bouchard are first joint recipients of Kevin Carr Christian Leadership Award in the 15-year history of the award, which is named for the first layperson to serve as president of Newman Theological College. The honour recognizes individuals whose outstanding Christian leadership reflects the values of the college and the qualities that Carr cherished and exhibited in his work.

Cathy and David Bouchard have a long history of living out the implications of their faith in service to the community. The Kevin Carr leadership lunch will be on **Date: October 30, 2019** at 11:30 a.m. at the Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre 11050-90 Street, Edmonton **Cost: \$50.00**

Read in week is October 7 to the 11. This yeas theme is CELEBRATE WITH STORIES! Call up one of your local schools... register yourself to be a guest reader...bring you favorite children story or if you don't know what to read schools always have a stack of books to pick from... if you're a little nervous to go bring in a little snack... the kids will love you for it.... The benefits are endless not only will the children enjoy so will you... wear you CWL pin or scarf...

This year the poster contest will be celebrating the 25th anniversary... Information will be ready shortly... a combination of this year's theme is from both provincial's theme "Make a difference" and Nationals "care for our common home "this year's will be ...ways that I can make a difference to heal creation in my...?"

This year's theme is a call to action... what is it that you can do to make a difference... could it be to plant flowers to help the bees pollinate... could it be to build a bird house to shelter birds or make a bird feeder to feed the birds... stop using plastic bottles of water...? The possibilities are end less. This year will be specifically inviting the elementary grads from K to 6 only. The winners will be announced at convention. This year I would like the education chairs to not only go to the schools in your area, but I would also ask that you try asking you Parish youth leader or perhaps the Leader with the sacraments or maybe your Parishes Sister..... in trying to increase the number of people that are involved Will also hopefully in crease the number of entries.

Save the date... October 28 7;00 pm at Corpus Christie Parish... Tickets will be \$15:00 with a light refreshment after Evening Retreat of faith with Richard Leonard, JS from Australia

He will address one of the eight elements Pope Francis has challenged the church to adopt in terms of our common mission in his address:

"On Mission with Christ"

Christianity is not a private feel-good collective. We are sent out to live and proclaim our spirituality. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What questions is the world posing to us, and what are we offering the world as we care for one another and all of creation?

Tickets will be sold by Kara

d) Communications, Susan Casey reported –

This committee has been involved in the following activities:

- Learning to use our website platform as this is a new skill that needs to be gained in order to add content to the website and keep it updated. Updating the website will be done frequently so all members are encouraged to access the website on a regular basis. The website also contains a calendar of events so if any of the parish councils who have events they would like posted they are encouraged to contact the Communications Standing Committee Chair via email at edmontoncwl.communications@gmail.com.
- Collating and organizing photos, biographies and convention reports for the Fall newsletter, which will be published shortly and will be posted on the Diocesan CWL website for all to access. Once the Newsletter is published it is recommended that parish council presidents make copies available to those members who are unable to access a computer.
- Participated in the parish buddies activity which involves contacting parish council presidents to provide updates, get feedback, gather information and provide help when needed. Most importantly, the parish buddies provide parish council presidents a contact person within the diocesan council.
- The Communications Standing Committee is searching for members to join the committee. If there are any members who have experience with website design and manipulation or newsletter design and formatting; they are encouraged them to speak to me or contact me.

Members are also encouraged to access the Provincial and National websites which provide updates as well as links to a variety of the useful sites.

e) Mary Pat O’Neill, Resolutions and Legislation reported -

Resolutions:

The following is new information with respect to the Resolutions Process as provided by our National Chairperson of Resolutions, Cathy Bouchard, at the National Convention on Sunday, August 18th, 2019.

Firstly, a major change in the resolution process by CWL National is that “**Whereas Clauses**” are no longer to be presented as part of the resolution. Thus, by removing the “Whereas Clauses” the entire emphasis is now placed on getting the statement “**Resolve Clause**” for the issue to clearly focus on the League’s position. Therefore, the resolved clause is now referred to as “**the Resolution**” for the purpose of the motion and debate.

Secondly, because a resolution is meant to reflect the League’s policy and what members could think as to become policy, your council members should be asked to review the resolve clauses

and brief, focusing on questions such as “Is this an issue for the League?”; and, “Is this resolution timely?”

Lastly, resolutions should **not** be shared outside of your CWL Council until adopted because of the risk of being reported out of context or shared with the media.

Please continue to work closely with your chairperson of resolutions and your members to review previous resolutions and to draft new ones.

Legislation

Legislation is social justice in action. Encourage your Council Chairperson and/or your members to monitor legislation at all levels of government. Significantly, it is important to ask your local MP to be put on their mailing list to receive information so that you can attend public forums and report back to your council.

For your perusal, recently posted on our Diocese website, www.edmontoncwl.org you will find a brochure published by Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops titled “Voting as Catholics 2019 Federal Election Guide” providing information on “Voting: a Right and Responsibility” and “Working to Building a Better Society”.

May we continue to share resources and ideas with you and your members as we work together. In particular, if you would like a Council workshop on Resolutions or Legislation kindly contact me at Edmontoncwl.resolutions@gmail.com

Catholic Women's League					
Comparative Income Statement (Cash basis)					
		Actual 01/01/2019 to 08/31/2019	Budget 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019	Difference	
REVENUE					
Sales Revenue					
Per Capita Fees		16,844.00	17,600.00	-756.00	
National Supplies (Sales)		1,407.70	2,000.00	-592.30	
Interest Income		9.56	0.00	9.56	
Investment Interest		0.00	945.00	-945.00	
Total Other Revenue		18,261.26	20,545.00	-2,283.74	
TOTAL REVENUE		18,261.26	20,545.00	-2,283.74	
General & Administrative Expenses					
Admin/Archives		77.97	900.00	-822.03	
National Supplies		766.20	2,000.00	-1,233.80	
Photocopying & Printing		280.55	750.00	-469.45	
Postage		53.29	200.00	-146.71	
Mileage		719.10	3,500.00	-2,780.90	
Office Supplies		52.02	300.00	-247.98	
Office Equipment & Furnishings		284.30	0.00	284.30	
Committee Expenses		0.00	150.00	-150.00	
Bank Charges		0.80	25.00	-24.20	
Meeting Expenses		423.67	500.00	-76.33	
Donations/Extra Ordinary Expenses		586.88	1,000.00	-413.12	
Meals Not Convention		363.87	1,000.00	-636.13	
Convention Expenses Dioc. Officers		4,599.03	4,000.00	599.03	
Honoraria, Life Mem Stipend, Gifts		201.06	400.00	-198.94	
Accounting Fees		250.00	250.00	0.00	
Accommodation(Not Convention)		499.00	2,000.00	-1,501.00	
Provincial Executive Meetings		0.00	200.00	-200.00	
Provincial Convention Expenses		1,171.79	800.00	371.79	
Convention Expenses non Delegates		0.00	800.00	-800.00	
National Convention Expenses		540.00	2,500.00	-1,960.00	
Misc/Cards/Memorials		12.40	20.00	-7.60	
Total General & Admin. Expenses		10,881.93	21,295.00	-10,413.07	
TOTAL EXPENSE		10,881.93	21,295.00	-10,413.07	
NET INCOME		7,379.33	-750.00	8,129.33	
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Catholic Women's League			
Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at 08/31/2019			
ASSET			
Current Assets			
Cash on Hand	75.00		
Chequing Bank Account	33,305.92		
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	43,444.60		
Inventory - National Supplies	753.55		
Total Receivable		77,579.07	
Total Current Assets		77,579.07	
TOTAL ASSET		77,579.07	
LIABILITY			
Current Liabilities			
Special Projects Account	900.00		
Donations in Trust (Miscellaneous)	0.00		
Chrism Mass Fund	1,511.23		
Per Capita Fees - Held	0.00		
ALIES (Back Porch)	495.00		
St. Benedict's Chapel	930.00		
Field Workers Fund	721.09		
Education Fund	399.55		
Sign of Hope	1,845.00		
Refugee Welcome Bags	75.00		
Mass Collections	0.00		
Total		6,876.87	
Total Current liabilities		6,876.87	
TOTAL LIABILITY		6,876.87	
EQUITY			
Owners Equity			
Retained Earnings - Previous Year		63,322.87	
Current Earnings		7,379.33	
Total Owners Equity		70,702.20	
TOTAL EQUITY		70,702.20	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		77,579.07	
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CWL Diocesan Convention					
Comparative Income Statement					
	Actual 01/01/2019 to 08/15/2019		Budget 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019		Difference
REVENUE					
Registration					
Registration Fees	14,835.00		18,975.00		-4,140.00
Registration Refunds	-570.00		0.00		-570.00
Net Registration Fees		14,265.00		18,975.00	-4,710.00
Misc. Revenue		0.00		0.00	0.00
Interest Revenue		3.50		0.00	3.50
Early Payment Sales Discounts		0.00		0.00	0.00
Net Sales		14,268.50		18,975.00	-4,706.50
TOTAL REVENUE		14,268.50		18,975.00	-4,706.50
EXPENSE					
Convention Expenses					
Guests Expenses		513.59		1,250.00	-736.41
Convention Convenor		30.80		325.00	-294.20
Facilities Expenses		1,842.00		2,000.00	-158.00
Food/Bev/Break		8,855.36		11,335.00	-2,479.64
Other Expenses		1,484.25		1,485.00	-0.75
Fixed Honoraria		600.00		600.00	0.00
Poster Contest		432.95		300.00	132.95
Office Expenses		1,033.60		1,550.00	-516.40
Misc. Expenses		0.00		0.00	0.00
Bank Charges		9.40		10.00	-0.60
Total Expenses		14,801.95		18,855.00	-4,053.05
TOTAL EXPENSE		14,801.95		18,855.00	-4,053.05
NET INCOME		-533.45		120.00	-653.45
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