



CWL January 2021 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Christmas has come and gone. It was probably a different Christmas than what you had in the past. It was a "zoom" Christmas for me. It was certainly different, but it was OK. The year 2020, with its trials and tribulations, has also come to an end. The new year brings a sense of renewal, a sense of hope that we will see a return to some kind of normal, and a chance to reflect on who we are as a people of faith. The pandemic has certainly put our faith to the test. Dr. Thomas Plante, professor of psychology at Santa Clara University) says, "it is extremely important that people use their beliefs in a way that makes them feel empowered and hopeful during times like these".

May the faith of God
be with you this year.
May the peace of god
surround you,
and may you be blessed
every day!

Happy New Year.

Yvette d'Entremont
Acting President

Thank you from the Marion Centre!



All ladies of St. Charles CWL,

Christmas & New Year's greetings to you! Thank you for your great generosity to us & all those we serve here at Marian Centre. The socks, gloves, long johns & the Tim Horton's cards [etc.] are so appreciated by our friends! Your support & participation in our apostolate of love, friendship & service here is what makes it all possible. Thank you! May Our Lady protect & watch over you & your families all through the coming new year.

Peace, joy, Dina

Welcome Father JD



Father J D Carmichael will act as our Council's Spiritual Adviser.

As well as spiritual advice, Father JD might also give us advice about fishing.



IMPORTANT

Material for discussion at February General Meeting Motions from National

Dear CWL Members,

We have received materials from National that require our consideration. The material contains information regarding amendments to the *Constitution & Bylaws*, as well as a request for a per capita fee increase. The material is 12 pages long, so I have listed the motions and summarized the rationale provided by National. We will be voting on these motions at the February General Meeting. It is imperative that we have quorum at the February Meeting.

MOTION: That the national per capita fee be increased from \$13.00 to \$25.00 effective with the 2022 membership year.

Rationale: The primary source of funding for the national council is per capita fees paid by members at the parish level. These fees cover costs incurred at the national level. In the last several years, the League's investment income has dropped due to low interest rates and fluctuations in the stock market. In 2015, members in national convention voted to donate \$500,00.00 to the Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation, which reduced investments. Projections for 2021 to 2025 indicate that a national per capita fee of \$25.00 should be sufficient for League sustainability for the subsequent 10 years. Should the League not be able to meet its policy of having investments of 50% of its operating budget by 2023, it would be on the brink of insolvency by 2026.

Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

Amendment #1: That "convention(s)" be replaced with "meeting(s) of members".

Rationale: The League is required by law to hold an annual meeting of members but not necessarily a convention. This does not restrict holding a convention. But ensures the legal business of the organization be conducted.

Amendment #2: Patroness be amended by replacing “Our Lady of Good Counsel” with “Our Lady of Guadalupe”

Rationale: Our Blessed Mother appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) to Juan Diego near Mexico City in 1531. Past and present popes have honoured OLG. The League is attempting to attract a new and younger membership. Young women recognize OLG. New partnerships can be formed by reaching out to indigenous peoples in conversation about OLG as patroness.

Amendment #3: Officers at parish level shall be:

- President
- Vice-president (remove president-elect)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Past president
- Chairpersons of standing committees (three)

Amendment #4: Duties of Officers

The Vice-President shall

- Become president automatically after server her term as vice-president
- Perform the duties of the president in her absence or inability to serve
- Recruit members and maintain membership
- Develop League resource material
- Ensure annual reports are completed
- Oversee life membership
- Be responsible for league development
- Perform other duties as may be delegated by the president

The secretary shall:

- Record the minutes and retain them as a permanent record
- Be a signing officer for all official documents
- Have charge of all papers and records of the council
- Be responsible for reports as required
- Attend to correspondence as required
- Be responsible for communications to council members
- In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice-president, the secretary shall perform the duties of the vice-president until the next election but will not be appointed to the office of vice-president.

Amendment #5: Duties of Officers

There shall be three standing committees as follows:

- 1) Faith: Chairpersons shall evangelize, promote spiritual growth, and encourage all to: pray/uphold the sanctity of life/study Catholic teachings/stress the role of women in the church/foster vocations/ advance ecumenical and interfaith endeavours
- 2) Service: Chairperson shall encourage all to : promote activities in service to members, the parish and the community/advocate for and support services that include but are not limited to homelessness, human trafficking, poverty, bullying and racism/educate members about charitable needs at home and abroad.
- 3) Social Justice: Chairperson shall encourage all to: uphold the life and dignity of the human person/advocate for the poor and vulnerable/advocate for the dignity of work and the equal

rights of workers/care for God's creation/educate members and keep them informed of relevant social justice issues/ initiate resolutions on relevant issues.

Rationale: Reduce the number of standing committees to three to align with the core values of faith, service, and social justice.

Amendment #6: Under Parish Council Meetings and Quorums insert the following "in the case of government declared emergencies, parish council regular and annual meetings of members may be held electronically for the purpose of making decisions to keep the League operational in unprecedented circumstances".

Amendment #7: Term of Office to read as follows " An elected or appointed officer shall serve but not exceed one full term in the same office except the chairpersons and treasurers who may be elected for a second term. A chairperson shall be given a different standing committee in her second term".

Amendment #8: The section regarding the election of offices shall read as follows "for the election of officers, the instructed vote is deemed the first ballot. Should a candidate not be declared in the instructed vote, a second vote shall be taken. If a third vote is required, the same manner will be used".

Thank you for reading through this information. It is a summary of the twelve pages I received from National. It is important that we discuss how such changes would affect our council in order to make an informed decision and vote accordingly.

Yvette d'Entremont
Acting President



Laughter is Good for the Soul

A little, silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help her with the puzzle.

When he arrives, the old lady shows him the puzzle spread out all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says:

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

Then he takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." and he says this with a deep sigh..."Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

St. Charles CWL 40th Anniversary

2021 marks the 40th anniversary of the St. Charles CWL. We are planning an event to mark this special occasion, keeping in mind the restrictions that are in place for Covid 19.



We would like to hear from our members as to any ideas you may have for celebrating this important occasion. Please forward your ideas to Yvette d'Entremont. We will also be forming a sub-committee to plan the event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Yvette (Email: mathed1230@gmail.com or call (780) 908-4885.

2021 Memberships Now Due

Happy New Year!

A huge thank you to all members who have paid your 2021 membership fees. If you have an email address, you should have received your receipt; if you did not receive a receipt, please let me know. If you don't have email, I've recorded your membership payment in our receipt book & cc'd our Treasurer Connie for duo tracking purposes.

For anyone who has not yet paid your 2021 membership fee, it is now due (and no, it's not too late 😊 to pay). The cost is \$30 and can be paid a number of options:

- 1) e-Transfer to bspat@shaw.ca
- 2) mailed to Bea Spatafora at 14407 130 St NW, Edmonton, AB T6V 1E2
- 3) Dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours, Att: CWL
- 4) Dropped in the Offertory basket during mass (if attending). Att: CWL

Please be sure to include your contact information to ensure we have it up to date (unless sending by e-transfer – I will confirm your contact info when sending your receipt).

Note that we'll be sending out a new membership directory within the next month or so. We would love to include you in the directory, so will need your current contact information.

If you have any questions regarding memberships, please feel free to call (780-399-9459) or email me.

Thank you,

Bea Spatafora
Organization

Future CWL Newsletters

The Executive knows that communication with our members is very important, especially during Covid when interaction with others is limited.

Most of our members are receiving their newsletters via an email address. For those members without an email address but who have access to the internet, you may view our newsletter on the church website by going to: <https://saint-charles.com/ministries/catholic-womens-league/>

We will continue to have a hard copy of our newsletter available for viewing in the binder located in the Reception area at the Church office. A printed copy can be obtained from Pat at the Parish office, if required.

For those members who are unable to view our newsletter in any of the above noted ways, please call Bev Jensen at 780-457-1696 and we will make arrangements for the newsletters to be mailed to you.

Bev Jensen
Interim Communications

ST. CHARLES CWL PRAYER LIST

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Please pray for seminarian Martin Kaguima on his journey to respond to God's call.
Please pray for our CWL members and our Council.

For those who are sick and all who look after them:

Mary Ziska
Larry Belanger (husband of Norma Belanger)
Rollande Paquette
Faye Tkachuk
Jacqueline Cuerrier
Marlene Schmidt
Rose Potter
Margaret Gartner (sister of Rose Potter)
Marie Phillips
Archer and Brayden Coates (grandsons of Janice Albiston)
Rafael Martel (grandson of Kathy Martel)

For those who have died and all who mourn them:

Evette Michael Barry (mother-in-law of Kathy Michael)
Theresa Logan
Kathleen Correia

If you wish to have a loved one's name added to the CWL Prayer List
Please email: Janice Albiston janicealbiston@gmail.com

