



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Parkland Holy Trinity CWL April 11, 2022

1. In the absence of President, Mariette Huot, Past President, Femia Streefkerk, welcomed members in attendance. She thanked Kathy Meaney for painting the background for our new poster.
2. Together, members read the *Synod Prayer*. Marian Walshe shared a prayer for all people suffering from war.
3. The Secretary proclaimed the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement*.
Correspondence included two thank you cards, newsletters and requests for donations.
The Secretary asked if there are any changes or omissions to the Minutes of March 14th. There were none. She declared the Minutes approved as submitted.
4. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer, Trish Crawford, displayed a copy of the current budget showing income received, amounts spent since our last meeting and the amount remaining in each account.
 - i) The Healing Shawls Ministry received several donations totaling \$125.00.
 - ii) The Treasurer reported \$4 941.28 in the chequing and \$7 823.49 in the savings accounts. These amounts reflect income from two March funeral lunches. Trish noted that 20% of funeral lunch income is deposited in the savings account and the remainder in the chequing account.
During the discussion following, a suggestion was put forward to increase the funeral cost. It was agreed this will need to be discussed further. The Treasurer will bring this forward at the May Executive Meeting and it will be added to the agenda at the May Regular Meeting.
 - iii) Sr. Susan noted that, at the end of the year, 1% of remaining funeral income is sent to *Development and Peace*.
5. **Update of Distribution of Flowers** - Sr. Susan reported that she and Ruth Meiklejohn delivered 25 flowers to George Hennig Place in Stony Plain and 20 flowers to Good Samaritan in Spruce Grove. Ruth will deliver the remaining 70 flowers to St. Michael's, for a total of 115 flowers delivered. They will be distributed to the ladies by the staff at the respective homes. Femia noted that she had participated in delivering a flower, service pins and a healing shawl to three respective ladies and had received much joy from this experience.
6. **Lenten Project update** - Femia reported that Madeline Twerdochlib and Mariette Huot visited the *Pioneer Quilters' Guild* in Spruce Grove to discuss a joint venture for making a quilt(s) for *Jessie's House*. This will be in lieu of our Lenten project.
They learned that these quilters have done some marvelous work for many different organizations in and around our local community, including WIN House, Little Warriors and many more.
The idea is for us to raise funds with our upcoming Bake Sale to purchase batting and backing materials. The quilters will provide the fabrics needed to make the quilts, since all their fabrics are also donated. Femia noted they were very enthusiastic about the project.
Femia has contacted *Jessie's House* and they, too, are excited about our idea and would be happy to receive all sizes of quilts, including children's sizes.
We do not have a timeline for making the quilts since it depends on many things, most importantly, the number of quilts made. Femia believes this to be a win/win endeavor.

Bake Sale - May 6th - 8th following all masses. Members are asked to deliver their baked goods to the Hall between 1 and 3 p.m. on Friday, May 6th in order that they may be priced. Volunteers

will be required for receiving and pricing the baked goods and for selling after each Mass.

A sign-up sheet was circulated at the meeting and, also, a notice will be sent to members via Lydia. There will not be a sign-up sheet for donations of baked goods.

7. **Spiritual** - Marian Walshe opened this evening's Spiritual with a question: "How is your Lent going?" She shared ideas of her activities throughout Lent. Noting that there are six days remaining in Lent, she asked those present to make this week one of sacrifice, to be spent in adoration and listening to God's call. She spoke about the significance of women and the important role they played in Jesus's life, his crucifixion and his resurrection. Ladies participated in a game of "Lent Bingo".

Break

8. **Greeters prior to Mass** - Femia expressed a desire to restart Greeters prior to masses as a joint venture with the Youth Group. Discussion followed. There was a general consent among those present to put forward a request to move ahead as a CWL Ministry. Femia will contact the Youth Group to gauge their interest in becoming involved. Together, it may be possible to have this Ministry organized and operating by fall.
9. **Visits for shut-ins** - Femia expressed a need and desire to set up a list of volunteers to visit shut-ins. Following discussion, it was agreed to move forward with collecting information and making preparations to deal with concerns or stipulations that may arise from the homes and the families. We wish to be ready to move forward when we get approval.
10. **Emma's Garden** - Emma has made a request for volunteers to work with her in the garden. Mariette will send out a sign-up request.
11. **June wind-up** - Sr. Susan noted that the need for volunteers for an organizing committee will be discussed at our upcoming Executive meeting.
12. **Save the Dates:**
 - a. **April 26th** - Our Lady of Good Counsel celebration - Mass at 6:30 followed by cake and juice.
 - b. **April 30th to May 2nd** - 100th Diocesan Convention in Camrose
 - c. **1st week in May** - 12 Hours of Prayer - more information to follow
 - d. **May 12th** - Walk for Life - more information to follow
13. Femia shared President, Mariette Huot's, report, a copy of which is attached.
14. Together, ladies recited the League Prayer.

Next regular meeting - May 9, 2022

President's Report – April 2022

So, as you have already noticed, I was unable to attend tonight's meeting as I am at our summer camping spot on Vancouver Island. I would love to tell you that it is beautiful sunny weather, but it has done nothing but rain most of the time, mixed in with a bit of hail. On the positive side, daffodils are in full bloom everywhere, which of course makes me think of Easter.

Can't believe it is Holy Week already and life is slowly starting to get back to normal. I am hoping to be back home before this weekend so that I can celebrate the Easter masses with all of you, as I have missed this yearly tradition.

So I don't mean to be a nag, but I do want to remind you about the Diocesan Convention in a couple of weeks. Was hoping to hear that more of our members would be registering to go, for at least the Friday. Then I remembered that I haven't talked about who the guest speaker is this year. Sandra Prather, whom many of you should know, will be doing a mini-retreat called:

"Catholic and Living It! Walk in the Light" Easter has broken in once again and with it, our awareness of the gift of Christ in our lives. Jesus announces, "I am the light of the world," and we who have experienced darkness know what a gift that is. Together, we will reflect on the light of Christ: how it breaks into our darkness; how we are called to be light-bearers for one another; and what that means in a world where darkness, at times, seems to reign.

Followed in the afternoon by a workshop: "Catholic and Living It! Through the Women of the Bible"

Lastly at 3:00 guest speaker: Archbishop Richard Smith "Catholic and Living! 100 years of Faithful Service

At 5:00 there will be mass with Archbishop Smith at the new church in Camrose, which is beautiful to see.

And then who can't resist a free Wine & Cheese at 6:30 put on by the Knights from Camrose!

Have I enticed you yet?

Also, the Diocesan executive are selling coffee mugs for the 100th Anniversary of the Diocesan Convention. This is a fund-raising activity, to assist with the purchase of the stained glass window at Sacred Heart church. These can also be ordered whether you attend the convention or not, since I am the keeper of the cup, I would gladly sell one to any of you – only \$10.00 each.

Diocesan have been very busy little bees (they must know spring is here) and have created a Newsletter using the new format from National. A link to the newsletter is under Diocesan on our website and have made a few copies for your reading pleasure. Perhaps we should try again to produce one of our own!

Well, this meeting has been full of asking for volunteers, which you probably have all rolled your eyes and said, here we go again. But let us put this in a positive tone, if we need volunteers, that means we are an active council and are able to have events like before. We have all had a two-year break from being able to continue to do our good works. We had a wonderful response to our flower making project so let us continue to have many more memorable events like the last one.

With time, women gain weight because we accumulate so much knowledge and wisdom in our heads that there is no more room in there and it distributes it to the rest of our bodies.

So we aren't heavy, we are enormously educated, cultured and happy. Beginning today when I look in the mirror I will think. Good grief....look how smart I am!

Side note – just told this saying to my husband and he replied by saying “I am way too smart!!! hahaha