



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Parkland Holy Trinity CWL
May 9, 2022

1. President, Mariette Huot welcomed members in attendance
2. Marian Walshe, Spiritual Development leader, shared a prayer for all people suffering from war.
3. The Secretary proclaimed the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement*.
4. Correspondence included one magazine and request for funds.
5. **Treasurer's Report** - In the absence of Treasurer, Trish Crawford, the President reported there have been no funerals since our last meeting. Profits from previous funerals have now been transferred to the savings accounts.
6. **Updates**
 - i) **Bake Sale**
 - Profits totalled \$2 613.35. On Sunday night, baked goods were sold at a discount price. Better to have a few dollars than none at all. Fr. Paul was gifted with his choices and all remaining donations were sold for \$2.00 each. Mariette thanked everyone who had participated in any way. Members present agreed this was a successful venture and should be considered as fund raiser in future.
 - The President will put a thank you in the bulletin.
 - Proceeds of the sale will be used to provide quilts to Jessie's House. Mariette noted that a local quilter has offered to finish the quilts and has offered to donate the thread for our project. We'll be talking to the Pioneer Quilters to start the making of the quilts.
 - ii) **Emma's Garden** - The call for assistance will not be pursued until we receive further word from Emma. Last year's growth has been cleared.
 - iii) **Church pictures** - These are available until the end of June. Mariette encouraged those present to sign up if they have not already done so.
7. **Sign-up Sheets were circulated for the following upcoming events -**
 - i) **June 12th - Holy Trinity 20th Anniversary Barbeque** - The Special Events Committee is requesting assistance for this function and asks for four greeters prior to each mass.
 - ii) **June 13th - CWL June Wind-up** - Tickets will be available for \$25/ticket after each mass on May 28th and 29th and, also, from the office until May 29th.
Two volunteers are needed to sell tickets following each of the masses on those two dates.
 - iii) **June 14th - Wind-up set up and cleanup** - Volunteers are required to help set up and clean up after our function.

8. **Spiritual** - Marian Walshe noted that May is the month of Mary and that her Reflection highlights our Blessed Mother. She followed Pope Paul VI's lead when, in addressing his bishops, he stated that May is for celebrating Mary, mothers and all women. Marian shared a heartfelt, thoughtful and interactive prayer with ladies present.

Break

9. **Women of the Bible - Faithful Disciples** - Sr. Susan, together with six readers, shared a workshop she had created for the Diocesan Convention. The readings highlighted the characters and strengths of each of these women. Quilt patches reflected each one in turn. In the ensuing discussion, Sr. Susan asked how we can incorporate these women's strengths and lives into our own lives.
10. **Upcoming Events - Walk for Life - May 12th** - Mariette noted that anyone interested in attending this event should contact the church office. The bus will be cancelled if more people don't show interest in participating.
11. **Save the Dates:**
- i) **May 12th** - Walk for Life
 - ii) **June 12th** - Holy Trinity 20th Anniversary Barbeque
 - ii) **June 13th** - CWL June Wind-up
 - iii) **June 14th** - Wind-up clean up
12. Mariette shared her President's Report.
13. Together, ladies recited the League Prayer.

Next gathering - June 13th Wind-up. Tickets can be purchased from the office or following any of the masses on May 28th or May 29th.

President's Report - May 9th, 2022

This past month has been a real whirl wind for me. It seems I finish one thing and two more pop up that need my attention. But I do remember that attending mass on Holy Thursday night I found what I was looking for, for a while. The church was not packed but quite full and when the first Amen was said in unison, I remember thinking this is what I have missed for so long. The feeling of a true mass celebration like it was once upon a time. Though it was only one word, it was very powerful for me, to reassure me that things were hopefully going to come back to normal.

The other moment so similar to this, was at our Diocesan Convention two weekends ago. When the first song was sung by a group of women, it was like a warm blanket enveloping me with comfort and reassurance that things are going to be OK. The entire weekend was filled with lots of talking, laughing and embracing each other, as it has been 3 years since our last Diocesan convention.

The weekend had wonderful speakers, which our first one was Sandra Prather on Friday morning talk called “walk in the light” As usual Sandra is an excellent speaker, even via zoom as she got COVID the Monday before the convention. She asked us to contemplate on when has Christ come as a Light in your Life. When have you felt called to push back the darkness and let the light in.

The next presentation was Women of the Bible, Faithful Disciples. As you experienced tonight it is amazing what ordinary women have done in the past. Would we ever be able to do today what they did in the past? This presentation was followed by Archbishop Smith. Such an eloquent speaker and is very appreciative of everything that the CWL does. He talked about when there is a need, the CWL is always there to take the challenge on. There was so much more said, but unfortunately I am a terrible note taker, promise to do better next time around.

The next morning I was anxious to listen to Candida Shepherd talk about our Land Acknowledgement. Candida is a Special Ed teacher in Sherwood Park. Her talk was very eye opening and left me with a realization that we do indeed have lots to learn about our Indigenous people. Did you know that the Indigenous have always said a Land Acknowledgement whenever they had visitors come to visit. It was a means of letting the visitors know that they were welcomed and that the land they stood on was meant to be shared. Land Acknowledgements can be very personal or can be for a group, as there is not just one correct way of doing it. She showed us a couple short videos from a couple of Chiefs, which were very informative as well. She is truly a very inspirational women and wants to continue to learn and teach others about their culture.

Of course we had the business part of the meetings. Nothing earth shattering occurred. The Diocesan will be taking \$15,000 from their excess funds to go towards the Stained Glass project at Sacred Heart of the First Peoples church. We also sold all of the cups as a fund raiser for this project with adds another \$1,700 of profit. Another \$5,000 was donated for Ukraine which will be giving to the Ukraine Canadian Congress. Ribbons with the colors of Ukraine and a Canadian pin holding it together, were also available for a donation and received \$638.35. It amazes me on how generous our ladies continue to be.

For entertainment at the banquet, we were given a “fashion show”. There were some spectacular costumes – oh I mean designer wear. Best was Loafers for your feet – where the model courageously wore loaf pans on her feet..... An evening of much laughter and oh yeah I’m still the Treasurer.....

Story about Becky Kallal

May the stars carry your sadness away.

May the flowers fill your heart with beauty.

May hope forever wipe away our tears and,

Above all, may silence make you strong.