



## CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



### Parkland Holy Trinity CWL October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting and Potluck

1. President, Mariette Huot, welcomed Fr. Paul, members and guests to our Regular Meeting and Potluck.
2. Secretary, Judy Cruise, proclaimed the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement*.
3. Marian Walshe, Spiritual Development leader, shared the meal blessing,

Members enjoyed the bountiful potluck meal.

4. Mariette thanked everyone for their contributions for this evening's celebration.
5. Ruth Meiklejohn introduced guest, Judy Kasenko, and guest speaker, Tracey Woodman-Raymond, Executive Director of NeighbourLink, which has provided services within Stony Plain, Spruce Grove and Parkland County for 22 years. Ruth is currently the Holy Trinity liaison with NeighbourLink.

The organization was founded by 19 member churches, together with a municipal grant and donations. As a registered charity, it provides tax receipts for donations. NeighbourLink works with minimal overhead, with 80% of the budget going directly to clients. Tracey explained the need for assistance is rising and that collaboration is key to providing help or providing a link to required resources. With only two ladies in the office, more than 5000 calls have been dealt with since January, 2022, with over 500 in this past month alone. Two-thirds of their calls are from women. One-third of them are single parents in insecure housing conditions. They were able to provide NeighbourLink services or a link to other services for needs such as financial assistance, emergency food, transportation, keeping power on or helping to keep clients in their own home. They are associated with Habitat for Humanity. They accept gently used furniture to furnish starter homes. They also conduct a "Check and Chat" weekly phone call between seniors and volunteers, noting that, at times, this is the only call these seniors will receive. Tracey explained that, an important part of what they do is provide hope and dignity to those who need it.

Mariette thanked Tracey for sharing her information about this much-needed service in our community and presented her with a \$50.00 donation for NeighbourLink.

6. **Cross Presentations** - Marriage crosses were presented to Cathy Meaney whose son and daughter-in-law were recently married and to Chloe, married to Trish and Danny Crawford's son. All ladies stood and sang blessings on Chloe.
7. **Vote to Increase Membership Dues** - A Motion was made to increase membership dues from the current \$25.00 per year to \$40.00 per year. It was noted that membership fees have not increased for 20 years.

**MOTION:** THAT effective January 1, 2023, CWL memberships be increased from \$25.00 per year to \$40.00 per year.

**Moved** by Trish Crawford and **seconded** by Crystal Olsen.  
Forty-eight members in favor, one opposed.

**Carried**

8. **Advent Project** - Members suggested a number of local organizations requiring monetary assistance. Following discussion, it was agreed that our CWL will host a bake sale in early December. The proceeds will be divided equally between NeighbourLink and "Light up your Life" to assist with the expansion of the Westview Hospice. Mariette noted that the Executive will move forward with this plan.
9. **Funeral Lunch Payment** - Mariette noted that all funeral lunch expenses for a recent funeral were paid from our CWL savings account. A brief discussion followed.

**MOTION:** THAT funeral lunch expenses in the amount of \$641.00 be paid by Holy Trinity Catholic Women's League.

**Moved** by Annette Muench and **seconded** by Leona Bouilly.

**Carried**

9. **Updates/Announcements** -
  - i) Online volunteer training in nine lessons is available to work as a volunteer in the Hospice center. Contact Mariette or Kathy Meaney for more information about this opportunity.
  - ii) **Food Safety Course** - Riel Chartrand, a member of the Knights of Columbus, will be providing a two-hour course on October 18, free of charge. There are 12 spots available. Contact Mariette if you are interested.
10. The President shared her report, a copy of which is attached.
11. Together, ladies recited the League Prayer.
12. **Next meeting** - November 14, 2022