



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Parkland Holy Trinity CWL December 12 , 2022

1. President, Mariette Huot, called the meeting to order in the Church Hall. She welcomed members, including three new members and first-time attendees. She welcomed and introduced special guests Deacon Pat, two representatives from Jessie's House, ladies from the Golden Gilden Quilters of the Spruce Grove Golden Age Club, and Seminarian Jake Mullin. She shared a message from Father Joselito and our adopted seminarian Andre Boudreau who were not in attendance.
2. Secretary, Judy Cruise, proclaimed the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement*.
3. Marian Walshe spoke about her insights regarding the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement* and requested that the Acknowledgement be read a second time. She shared grace.

Potluck Meal

4. Presentations:

- i) Gerald Streefkerk was acknowledged for his dedication and many hours of labor involved in the planting of 100 trees in a Stony Plain Park and for his work "behind the scenes" to make this project such a great success.

It was noted that Gerald and Femia's daughter, Heather, designed the distinctive CWL plaque displayed on the bench which is available for all to use.

- ii) Femia Streefkerk was presented with her **Maple Leaf Service Pin** in recognition of her dedicated and outstanding service in so many ways to our Church community over the past years. Sr. Susan shared some of the multitude of ways in which Femia has contributed in making this a wonderful community with which to be associated.

iii) Representatives from **Jessie's House** were presented with a cheque for \$545.00 and a total of 17 quilts in addition to ten which have already been delivered. Mariette shared background regarding how the donation of the cash and many quilts came to fruition in our quest to help provide protection and some comfort to those who most need it:

"The project began last March as a Lenten project to provide more quilts for the House. A bake sale to raise funds was a huge success and we raised just over \$2500. Mariette and Madeline Twerdochlib visited the Quilters Guild to get them onboard with us. Not only did they say yes to help sew the quilts, they added another \$1000.00 to the project. We held back \$500.00 for the finishing touches like the top stitching. When it all fell into place, we had three quilts that needed to be finished. It just so happened that, during our bake sale, a lady by the name of Karen Jessiman offered her services to help us out. When we came to pay for the thread, etc., it was a hard "No" and that the funds were to be donated. So, along with all of these wonderful quilts here tonight plus ten already delivered, we are also able to donate \$545.00 to help out with expenses for Jessie's House."

5. **Thank you to the Quilters' Guild** - Mariette thanked the Quilters' Guild for making our donation of the quilts and cash to Jessie's House possible. She announced that the Guild brought an additional five quilts this evening, also to be donated.

6. Lynne from Jesse's House thanked the Quilters' Guild and the CWL for their contribution and hard work to make the quilt donation possible. She explained that the quilts are gifted to women as they enter Jessie's House and that they take the quilt with them when they have healed sufficiently to leave.

She shared the background and history of Jessie's House, built on land gifted to them by the town of Morinville. In the safe environment, they provide counselling and support to women, men and children in need.

Mariette thanked Lynne and all the staff at Jessie's House for all they do and continue to do on a daily basis, noting that we are so fortunate that their Foundation is there to help those in need.

7. Kari Mullin introduced our guest speaker for the evening. Her son Jake Mullin is currently working in his third year toward his Master's Degree in Divinity at St. Joseph Seminary. He spoke about his experiences during his last year at Sacred Heart Church. Although nervous about his placement in inner city Edmonton, Jake spoke of learning the value of being present and patient and of learning to listen and be supportive as best he could. Although sometimes feeling underqualified, he feels it was a positive experience and one where he made many friendships. He spoke of working out of the rectory following the church fire and of the Pope's visit. He is currently back in the Seminary, working to be a Deacon next year and in future, ordained as a Priest.

Mariette thanked Jake for speaking with us and presented him with some "coffee money".

8. **January/February Meetings** - Mariette circulated sign-up sheets and requested volunteers for snacks and set up for the meetings.

9. **Update on Funds raised for Advent projects** - Funds raised total \$2 947.00. One-half of this amount will be donated to "Light Up Your Life" and one-half to NeighbourLink.

MOTION by Chantel Belcourt, seconded by Elaine Dextrase to raise the funds to \$3 000.00.

All in favor.

Carried

10. **Mass Collection at Christmas Masses** - Parish Council has asked the ministries in our church to help with the mass collections at the Christmas masses. Since we are a larger group, they would like us to do the collection for either the 4 or 7 o'clock masses at our Church, They are looking for at least seven volunteers. They need four for the Church, two for the Hall and one for Our Ladies' Room for the 7:00 o'clock Christmas Eve Mass.

11. **President's Report** - Mariette presented our year in review with a slide show of special events and highlights.

12. It was agreed that all cookies and unopened food will be taken to the homeless shelter.

13. **Closing Prayer** - Together, ladies recited the League Prayer