



CATHOLIC and LIVING IT!



Parkland Holy Trinity CWL November 6, 2023

1. President, Mariette Huot welcomed members, new and old, to our meeting and Remembrance Day celebration.
2. Secretary, Judy Cruise, proclaimed the *Traditional Land Acknowledgement*.
3. Mariette noted Remembrance Day celebrations will be held in the Stony Plain Heritage Pavilion and the Spruce Grove Tri-Leisure. Mary Dwernichuk volunteered to lay a wreath on behalf of our CWL in Stony Plain. A monetary donation will be sent to the Legion.
The President showed a powerful video in memorium, showing the horrors of war.
4. **Memorial Service for our Deceased Members** to honor those who have been called to God before us. Marion Walshe led members in a symbolic service to honor CWL deceased members, our indigenous sisters and those who have died before us.
One by one, names and pictures were displayed on the screen and a rose was placed in a vase in remembrance. A single yellow rose was placed to honor our missing and murdered indigenous sisters, and those who were victims of the residential school system, human trafficking, drugs, alcohol, depression and violence.
Each person who has been a part of our lives was lovingly remembered in her own moment. Those present prayed silently for them to rest in peace and in love and for all who loved them. Their names are inscribed in the "Book of Life".

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4. The Secretary shared four thank you letters.
5. Treasurer, Trish Crawford, reported \$14 020.88 in the chequing account and \$11 651.89 in savings. General Expenses to date total \$10 450.77.
6. **Membership Drive** - The President requested volunteers to collect membership fees following all weekend masses until the end of November. There will be a reminder from the pulpit prior to the masses. After November 14th, we will have the ability to do e-transfers for memberships.
7. **Holy Trinity "Warming Shelter"** - Our Church Hall will be made available and utilized as a "Warming Station" for our homeless community in the Parkland region from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays from November through to the end of March. The mandate of this Parish program is to provide a safe and warm location, a meal and hot coffee for those in need when the temperature drops to -20 degrees Celsius. The Cyrus Center personnel will pick up and deliver those in need and will be responsible for them. Our CWL will be allotted our day or days. We'll have available and cover the cost for coffee, individually wrapped food and snacks.
During the following discussion, it was agreed there are many unanswered questions. The number of days this will be required is dependent on the weather. There are places such as Auggie's Kitchen that currently provide meals to the homeless. One idea put forward is that, perhaps, we could coordinate with them.
8. The CWL video that we watched was created by the "Faith Organizations" working group and is titled: "The Importance of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships". It focuses on the importance

of CWL councils becoming more involved with other Christian churches (ecumenism) as well as other world religions (interfaith). Our council was included in this video because of our long-standing commitment to our work with Neighbourlink.

9. **Advent Project** - Projects brought forward for discussion:

- i) **Stockings of Care** - Together with Neighbourlink, to provide stockings which have specific items in them that meet the needs of the people receiving them. It was agreed that our council only will be responsible for at least 10 bags and the donation items to stuff the bags will be brought to our December potluck supper on December 11th. Madelene Twerdochlib and Ruth Meiklejohn will be sewing the bags (instead of socks, as they are more useable) and Ruth will co-ordinate with Neighbourlink to obtain the items that are needed.
- ii) **Hampers of Hope** - This campaign is from the Parkland Pregnancy Support Centre who support new and expectant mothers in the Parkland area. Their goal is to create 75 hampers.

Members agreed that, together with involvement from the Parish, we will be able to carry out both the "Stockings of Care" and the "Hampers of Hope" projects.

Mariette will include a list of needs in the bulletin for the Hampers of Hope donations and a separate email to all members requesting they bring donations for the Stockings of Care project to the December potluck or drop them off at the church prior to the potluck.

10. **Elections in December** - The President reminded members to think about stepping forward or putting a name forward for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Chair Convenors. We need seven positions filled in December.
11. **President's Report** - The President read her report.
12. **Closing Prayer** - League Prayer

Next meeting - December 11, 2023 - Advent Potluck supper