



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

Minutes London Diocesan Council Annual Meeting of Members Lamplighter Inn Hotel and Conference Centre April 22-24, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

- 1.0 8:45
- 1.1 President Mary Bannon welcomed the guests and delegates to our 104th annual convention and annual meeting of members.
- 1.2 Spiritual Advisor Fr. Paul Kim greeted the assembly and reflected on the importance of our faith inviting us to share ideas and to have time for interaction.
- 1.3 Opening Prayer was led by Faith Chair Bea Taylor.
- 1.4 Land Acknowledgement was read by Vice-president Denise Morris.
- 1.5 Convention Chair Lucy Hendrikx introduced the head table and guests.
- 1.6 Credentials Report was provided by Registration Chair J'Nan Sturgis. At 9:03 115 voting and accredited delegates were in attendance.
- 1.7 Presentation of the Rules of Order were read by Past-president Theresa Ryan
Motion to accept the Rules of Order as presented
Moved by Theresa Rya Seconded by Trucy Conelis Passed
- 1.8 Secretary Nelly Kelders presented the Minutes of April 2023 AMM minutes
Motion to accept the minutes as presented.
Moved by Nelly Kelders Seconded by Maria Odumodu Passed
- 1.9 Agenda for Annual Meeting of Members April 2024 was presented by Secretary Nelly Kelders.
Moved by Nelly Kelders Seconded by Rebecca McCarrell Passed

AMM is paused at 9:30 am for Convention Keynote Speaker Betty Colaneri, vice-president CWL National

- 2.0 11:15
- 2.1 Treasurer's Report on Finances and Budget
Motion to accept the report as presented.
Moved by Mary Clare Latimer Seconded by Mary Ann Horne -White Passed
- 2.2 Baker Tilly CK. LIP will be appointed Auditors for 2024.
Moved by Mary Clare Latimer Seconded by Rebecca McCarrell Passed
- 11:30 Regional Chairs described how their saint impacted their role:
Essex, Jeanne Lauzon on Ste. Marguerite Bourgeoys
Huron-Perth, Sharon Twamley on St. Joan of Arc
Ingersoll, Fatima Cabral on St. Gianna Beretta Molla
London, Linda Van Raay on St. Zita
Sarnia-Lambton, Carol Hall on St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Windsor, Helen Biales on St. Faustina
- 12:00 Announcements. Angelus and Grace
- 1:00 Crowning of Mary and Deceased Members Remembrance
- 1:20 Presentation on Development and Peace/Caritas by Daniela Salcedo.
- Social Justice Award was presented to Donna Stewart, St. Michael CWL Bright's Grove for her work in her community. Habitat for Humanity Sarnia will be the recipient of a donation from the London Diocesan Catholic Women's League.
- 2:00 Executive Council Members reflected on the saints and their impact on the member's role on the CWL executive council.
Vice President, Denise Morris on Ste. Marie Marguerite d'Youville
Past President, Theresa Ryan on St. Therese of Lisieux
Secretary, Nelly Kelders on Mary, Mother of God
Treasurer Mary Clare Latimer on St. Claire of Assisi
- Service, Lori Alexander on St. Lucy
Administrative Assistant, Ann Andreica on St. Martha
President, Mary Bannon on Catherine Doherty
- 2:30 Health Break
- 3:00 Ontario Provincial Vice-president Colleen Martin presented the Ontario President's Report on behalf of Linda Squarzolo. The *Go Make a Difference* theme was embraced around the province. Resolutions are faith in action. Two resolutions were brought to the attention of MPPS in 2023.

Colleen Martin also shared her vision for the CWL when she becomes president in July 2024.

3:20 Closing Prayer led by Faith Chair Bea Taylor.

3:30 Recess

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

8:47 am Reconvened Convention/AMM with an opening prayer led by Bea Taylor, Faith Chair

9:00 Registration Report was presented by J’Nan Sturgis. There are 127 voting and accredited delegates present as of 9:00am.

Moved by J’Nan Sturgis Seconded by: Shelley Stephanic Passed

9:15 AMM is paused for presentation by Debra Majer London Diocese Archivist who shared the early history of the CWL and the role Bishop Fallon and a princess played.

AMM resumes at 10:00 am

10:00 CWL National Vice-president Betty Colaneri presented a report on behalf of President Shari Guinta. *Here I am Lord, Send me!* Is the theme and the focus is Mental Health. Change-filled year: Unity Outreach was a huge success; Strategic Planning initiatives are winding down; and membership continues to be a concern.

10:30 Health Break

11:00 Life Member Liaison Report, Marie Theresa Lamphier
London Diocese currently has 12 Life Members. Life Member Shirley George is quite ill. Marie Theresa outlined the role of Life Members and asked parish councils to invite Life Members to their events.

11 :15 Diocesan President Mary Bannon reported to the membership on her first year. The executive council was challenged with a new structure with less members and then need to be able to collaborate in our efforts. Councils were reminded to invite executive to their meetings and to reach out if they need help.

11 :30 Questions & Answer Period
A variety of questions were asked and comments made regarding the CWL
Where do you find information on the Catholic Girls’ Club? – National website .resource 647.
How long can your council be dormant before you disband? Two years

Does the treasurer's report have to be read out at meetings? Regular report should include what was spent, any income and the balance.

Can we get Debra Major's presentation? We will talk to her.

Personal information – get permission to share and with whom.

Should we tell our parishes what we donate? Yes, publish in the bulletin if allowed.

The CWL Blessing – the proper way to hold your hands is palms up not raised and down.

CWL national magazine – What about sending a copy to the seminary?

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| 11 :45 | Angelus & Grace was led by Fr. Paul.
Lunch |
| 1 :15 | Members from Huron/Perth invited all delegates to attend the 2025 AMM/Convention in Stratford from April 28-31, 2025. |
| 1:28 | All business having been completed; the business meeting was adjourned. |
| 1:30 | An opportunity for delegates to mix and mingle followed adjournment. |
| 1:45 | Preparation for the Eucharistic Celebration |
| 2:00 | Celebration of Mass |