

**CWL Wellington Regional meeting – St Teresa’s Karori Church Foyer
19 February 2020, 7.30pm**

Minutes

Welcome and Opening with the League Prayer and we remember:
Ann Corcoran, Vivienne Soldera, longstanding Onslow members and Anne Conroy,
Newlands/Associate and Wellington Regional Representative.

Reflection

Led by Vonnie Nunns. She shared an article from "Surrounded by Love, Seven teachings from St Francis" which quoted Pope Francis, on fake news. It included this the Pope's special rewriting of St Francis's famous prayer:

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.

Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.

You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

where there is shouting, let us practice listening;
where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;
where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;
where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;
where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;
where there is hostility, let us bring respect;
where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.
Amen.

Present

Otari: Karen Saunders, Anne Lumb, Delia McCaffrey, Ethne Wyndham-Smith, Diane Glynan, Margaret West, Vonnie Nunns, Mary Blair, Judith Dickson, Gemma Pereira.

Onslow: Sam Walker (Chair), Christine Paterson, Margie Crook, Ita Delahunty, Beverley Telfar, Jacqui Gilligan, Janice Brown, Christine Patete.

Apologies

Otari: Maria Anderson, Penny Dravitski, Christine Murdoch.

Onslow: Margaret Dunne, Margaret Morris, Andrea Adams, Wendy Treder, Jennifer Munro.

Minutes of 2019 Regional meeting held at St Benedicts, Onslow

Amended minutes were approved

Diane Glynan/Vonnie Nunns

Matters arising

- Conference, March 30th 2019: Very enjoyable, great venue and went very well.
- Margaret Clitherow day, hosted by Onslow, went very well, very relaxed – bookmarks coloured in, which was a very well-received idea. Karen/Sam

Branch reports

Otari: Read by Ethne Wyndham-Smith

Onslow: Read by Margie Crook

Regional Rep report – Sam Walker. Sam also announced that the new Mission at Home Appeal for 2020 – Days for Girls, a charity that provides sanitary products to girls so that they can continue to attend school. Point of Interest: Noted that 2018 Paraparaumu Branch donated \$300 to Viard College for this purpose and in 2019 this prompted the Archdiocesan Council to donate \$100 to the five Catholic Secondary Schools for girls in the Wellington Region.

Judith/ Sam

Archdiocesan President's report – Christine Paterson

- Archdiocesan Conference on Monday 16th March Upper Hutt
- National Conference, Rotorua, in July, hosted by Hamilton Diocese
- Mission Expo, Viard College Saturday March 14th
- Day of Reflection with Joy Cowley – to be made available to all Archdiocesan branches.
- Terms of office on Archdiocesan Council i.e. President, Social Concerns and Mission Convenor.
- Jenny Muschamp stepping down from National Mission position, following a trip to Tonga later this year.

National Council of Woman's report – Ethne Wyndham-Smith

Very interesting report. This organization has also had difficulties retaining members and finding people to hold office. Ethne was unable to attend this NCW meeting and shared an excerpt from recent email with the meeting, abridged in attached report.

Ethne/Sam

Missions report: Anne Lumb/Otari; Onslow's Mission Report was covered in the branch report. Anne/Sam

General Business:

- Archdiocesan Conference – Upper Hutt Bowling Club, Exchange St, Monday March 16th.

- 'Shoes for Planet Earth' Speaker Mike Scrivener, Wed April 22nd 7.30pm, St Teresa's Foyer. Website: <https://www.shoesforplanetearth.com/>
- Onslow – Tuesday April 28th Funeral Director speaking (think Casketees, TVNZ drama)
- Host for next St Margaret Clitherow Day (Friday 28th August) still to be decided.
- Allocation Regional events 2020: WUCWO Liturgy - Otari, Wed May 27th 7.30pm. NB: General Assembly Sydney 18-22 May. Otari intend to invite all women of the Parish, includes Pro-Cathedral/St Thomas More.

Final reflection – Sam Walker.

Do not make assumptions:

They may not be avoiding you.

They may just be:

- Overwhelmed with work
- Processing a shock or trauma
- Putting some boundaries in place
- Dealing with an illness
- Saving finances by not going out
- Prioritising family
- Distracted by an unexpected life change
- Tired of having to put on a happy face
- Needing some silence and space

You never know, don't make assumptions.

Vonnie closed with a quote from St Francis "Letters to the Faithful".