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We have had quite the roller-coaster of a year. Lots of people would like to re-start 2020. But we do all have to go on with life as it unfolds. So here are a few thoughts:

## **BUDGETS, DONATIONS AND FUNDING**

We all set our 2020 budgets before we knew what kind of a year we would have. Most of our activities have been severely curtailed, and what can we do?! We need to encourage our members to maintain their membership in the League. And we, as executive need to keep on connecting with our sisters.

Many parishes get together by Zoom or other online meeting service to pray, talk and share. The cost of getting a Zoom account is quite low (Less than \$10 per month). I am not super techy, but there are lots of ladies who are. Phone calls, emails and picnics also help to keep us connected.

Many parishes had budgeted for conventions and other events that have had to be cancelled. At the same time, their budgeted donations to good causes have also been impacted. At a recent Provincial executive meeting, we discussed a partial solution:

*The council executive can decide to re-allocate budgeted funds at an electronic meeting. This must then be ratified by the members at the next in-person meeting.*

For example, because you did not spend \$1000.00 to send your president to convention, that money can be reallocated to cover your annual bursary that bake sales would usually pay for.

Similarly, your council can re-allocate funds to support your regular donations if your fundraising falls short.

Remember that budgets are simply reasonable estimates of what you expect to receive and what you expect to spend.

## **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

I agree, it is difficult to collect dues when you cannot have meetings. However, parish councils still need to try to get their dues sent in to National on a timely basis.

Fran Lucas, National Organization chair, has suggested that those of us that can afford it have a "Coffee can" where we put what we would have spent going out for coffee and use those funds for gift memberships for parishioners who can't afford them this year. I know that many parishes already cover the dues for members who are in care.

## **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INSURANCE**

Thank you to all the diocesan treasurers who provided the updates for our insurance agents. They need to update our data every 3 years.

## **DELTA HOSPICE ASSOCIATION**

By now, many of you have heard of the issues at the Delta Hospice. This organization was built by community funds and wishes to continue in the true mission of hospice. They have been ordered by the BC government to offer MAiD. The association is trying to change their constitution and by-laws to become a Christian organization, so they are exempt from this order. Please consider becoming a member of the hospice. Call Angelina Ireland at 778-512-8088

## **SUMMER SPEAKERS SERIES**

Many of us enjoyed the 5 speakers that replaced our national convention. If you missed them, or if you want to listen again, they are available on the National website: [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) There is a link right there on the home page.

A second link on the National home page is for the new Welcome Program from the Implementation Committee. I think you will enjoy seeing it.

As we enter into the fall, I hope that all goes well for you and your families.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless us all.

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