

Introduction, Goals and Base Council Meetings

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CWL Sisters of the League;

Where does all the time go? It seems like only yesterday when I was the MO Organization Chair. Has it really been two years? I guess it has. Wow! How time flies when you're having fun!

I now have the privilege of being your new MO Provincial President. I had the opportunity to meet with several ladies at the MO Annual Provincial Convention and I plan on renewing old friendships and making new ones during my term. I have big shoes to fill ladies, so here we go. I would like for you to join me during the next two years in moving forward.

My first goal is to enhance communications between the MO Admin Comm. and the base councils. Let's see what this means. Communications: the two way process of reaching mutual understanding in which participants not only exchange information but also creates and share meaning. That's pretty self-explanatory. The MO Admin Comm. gives information to the base councils and the base councils in return keeps the dialogue going. In other words, I expect the base councils to ask questions when the need arises and offer suggestions for us to better help you. Contact your MO Admin standing chair counterpart to exchange ideas and request updated material for your base councils to grow in strength, knowledge and spiritual aspirations.

The second goal is to see membership increase its numbers to 350 by 2013 Greenwood Convention. The CWL paid membership now sits at 314, compared to 302 in 2011 and 279 in 2010. We are growing; however, if each base council increases its membership by 3 more, we will be at 356 by 2013. I realize, for some base councils that may be a stretch and that's ok. As my son's favourite character, Bob the Builder would say: **"we can do it, yes we can"**.

Base council meetings need to be consistent, however that does not mean stagnant. Add a little flavour to your meeting so the ladies are challenged. A game of bible trivia, CWL Jeopardy, CWL Sister of the Year, guest speakers, saint's trivia or invite a nearby CWL council for a night of fun and games. Council meetings need to be a three part program; spiritual, business and social time. Socializing is the CWL way. This is where we can get to know each other as friends

and new members feel more at home. The Military Ordinariate Catholic Women's League is a family and families renew their love at gatherings. You never hear or see a company's business meeting with refreshments at the table and neither should the base councils conduct meetings with food at their meeting table. There is a time and place for everything. Spiritual time is highly important; it is the very essence of who we are as CWL sisters. Liturgy of the word, mass services and/or prayer at the beginning and ending of a meeting will enhance the base council meeting experience.

In the next two years, you will be introduced to incentives and a great deal of guidance. I cannot stress enough how important it is to communicate with the MO Admin. We are here to assist you in any way we can to benefit your council and aid in your growth.

In closing, if I can be of any assistance or give further direction, please do not hesitate to drop me a line via email or phone call for that personal touch. I work full time but I will return calls as soon as possible, let your fingers do the walking and drop me a line.

I will leave you with this thought.

“Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend”. Quote by Albert Camus

God Bless

Donna Penney

MO Provincial President