

February 12, 2024
Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)
Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Paula Foret called the meeting to order at OLPH's Life Center at 5:40 PM. There was a quorum of officers and members present. The CDA Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Refreshments were provided by Mary Reaux and Barbara Babineaux.

Items of correspondence were passed around; namely, a copy of the entry for the "Spirituality" category in the Circle of Love, due this month; a notice about the "Daily Lenten Service" on the CDA National Website; Betty Rogers' win on the CDA State Money Calendar; a thank-you note from deceased member Gail Waldmann's daughter; a report of the Diaper/Wipes Drive; and newspaper article about Kayla Ransonet having 2nd kidney transplant (recipient of our "Family in Need" for several years).

Copies of the Court's January Minutes were distributed and read silently by members. The following correction was noted: Deadline to turn in Fundraiser ticket money is not Feb. 22; deadline is Feb. 24-25. Motion was then made by Mary Reaux to approve the Minutes and seconded by Rosa Maynard. Hearing no objections the January Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Barbara Babineaux gave the Treasurer's Report as follows: Checkbook beginning balance as of January 1st was \$7,216.69 and ending balance was \$6,627.47. Motion was made by Mary Reaux, seconded by Denise Mestayer to approve the Treasurer's Report and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Rosary - No rosaries for funerals to report.

Pro-Life Rosary at the Grotto - The Pro-Life rosary was recited on Sat. Feb. 3 in the Library on Main Street next to the Grotto due to rainy weather. Members Paula F., Mary R., and Bonnie V. attended. Regent Paula advised that the next Pro-Life Rosary at the Grotto is scheduled for Sat., Mar. 2 at 10 AM.

Prayer Petitions List - The Prayer Petitions List will be reported next month due to Chair Kathy Cox's absence.

Empathy - Chair Betty Rogers reported that no birthday cards were sent out but she will be sending 3 birthday cards later this month: to Denise Girouard, Mary Reaux and Paula Foret.

Spirituality - Member Elaine Barras gave a testimony of her life as a troubled newlywed which led to a divorce; but God changed her life by speaking to her, and her faith led her back to re-marrying her husband. She discussed how their life changed when they put Christ into their marriage. She happily stated that they will be celebrating 50 years of marriage in November of this year.

Old Unfinished Business:

Reminder was made that our CDA Court's annual **dues of \$25 are due** at this time.

The Court's **Diaper/Wipes Drive** was held at masses the weekends of Jan. 20-21 and 27-28 with baskets being placed at all entrances to the church for collection. 57 packages of wipes, 1,284 diapers (individual diapers), and 184 adult diapers were collected. Paula and her husband loaded and delivered everything that was collected to Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center. Mr. Johnny Indest at Disch-DeClouet expressed his gratefulness for the donations and he advised that their organization and the Unexpected Pregnancy Center share the diapers and wipes whenever there is a shortage.

New Business:

Selling of Shrimp Boil Fundraiser tickets at Masses - Plans were made to sell tickets after all masses on Feb. 17-18 and Feb. 24-25 at the church entrances. Request by Regent Paula was made to please sign up to help at the masses.

Regent Paula advised that Vice Regent Jeri Mestayer came up with a unique idea to share with the court. Jeri discussed the topic of "**Spreading a little Jesus**" and members were given small Jesus figurines. She explained her plan of "spreading a little Jesus" to remind people of Jesus' boundless love for us and using it as a symbolic token of Jesus' enduring presence in our lives. Having spoken to Fr. Savoie about this, he agreed with the idea; they will get together soon and discuss this further, possibly presenting it to our parishioners during Lent.

Regent Paula noted that this month's **CDA Mass** is on **Ash Wednesday at 12:15 PM**. She requested members to wear their CDA shirts to this mass.

Regent Paula reminded members that the **Court's March Meeting Date has been changed to Monday, March 4** due to the Shrimp Boil on March 10, to allow members more time to prepare for the Shrimp Boil and the St. Joseph's Altar.

Preparation plans were discussed for the **St. Joseph's Altar** the weekend of March 13, with the altar being placed in the church foyer again this year.

Other Business:

2024 National Convention (Aug. 14-18) in **New Orleans, Louisiana** - Having already been discussed at February's meeting and tabled to the March meeting, Regent Paula reminded members that delegates and alternates for the Court need to be decided on, with a return form due by March 15 to State CDA. Discussion followed.

2 members volunteered for refreshments and "Spirituality" for March. **Closing Prayer** was recited. Motion was then made by Mary R. to adjourn. All members present agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Note: 3 door prizes were given during the meeting.



Minutes as taken by Betty Rogers and
typed by Recording Secretary Bonnie D. Viator