

March 13, 2023
Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)
Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Paula Foret called the meeting to order at OLPH's Parish Life Center at 5:43 pm. There was a quorum of officers and members present. Prospective member Sandra Viator was recognized. The CDA Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Member Betty Rogers provided refreshments.

The following correspondence was passed around:

- 1 - a "thank you" card received for Court's donation to Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance;
- 2 - CDA Court's Rayne, La's Newsletter; and
- 3 - request from Diocese of Lafayette, Office of Vocations, for a monetary donation to help with their 2nd Annual Ladies Discernment Retreat to be held in April.

Recording Secretary Bonnie Viator circulated copies of the February Minutes which were read silently by the members, after which motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the February Minutes.

Treasurer Barbara Babineaux reported a balance of \$5,477.80 in the Court's checkbook as of February 28, 2023. She noted 1 deposit had been made and \$585.68 in outstanding checks. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Prayer Petitions List - Chair Kathy Cox circulated an updated List. At this time several members requested more names to be added to the list. Regent Paula advised members to get with Kathy after the meeting should any names be deleted.

Rosary - There were no rosaries recited since last month's meeting.

Rosary at the Grotto - On March 4 members Mary R., Bonnie V., Paula F., and Janie S. and her husband recited the Rosary at the Grotto. It was noted that new artificial flowers need to be purchased for the altar before Easter.

At this time Regent Paula announced that member Mary Reaux donated a statue of Mother Teresa to the Court. Mary presented the statue at this time. Members present thanked Mary for the statue.

Empathy - Chairperson Betty Rogers advised that she sent 4 "Birthday" cards and 3 "Thank You" cards were sent to organizations or individuals who helped the Court with its Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser held on March 5. Several more names and husbands of members who helped on the day of the Fundraiser were recognized.

Spirituality - Anne M. spoke about the following dates:

- a) Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day
- b) Mar. 19: St. Joseph's Altar - St. Joseph is the patron saint of the church, fathers, families, carpenters and for a peaceful death.
- c) Mar. 25: the Solemnity of the Annunciation - Annunciation in Latin means "to announce." This day celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His holy son. This day is Mary's "fiat" or "yes" day!

After Anne's "Spirituality lesson," plans were finalized for the setting up and taking down of the St. Joseph's Altar in the vestibule of the Church set for March 18 and 19.

Old Unfinished Business:

Circle of Love: Regent Paula stated that Jeri M. submitted 2 entries in the Circle of Love for the State Convention to be held in May and was supposed to report her entries at this time; however, due to illness in the family she will present at a later meeting.

Member Dues: Financial Secretary Shelly Hollier advised that only 1 person is left owing dues. Shelly will communicate with her to collect before the Court's Audit takes place.

Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser: Regent Paula thanked all members who sold tickets individually as well as those who helped sell tickets for 2 weekends after masses, and she thanked everyone who showed up to help the day of the Fundraiser.

Financial Secretary Shelly H. reported the following:

<u>Ticket Sales:</u>	\$ 8,885.00 collected in ticket sales
	+ 360.00 sold 24 tickets the day of
	\$ 9,245.00 Total Gross Sales
Less	<u>5,155.50</u> to Mr. Shane Crochet who catered for us
	\$ 4,089.50 Court's Profit in Ticket Sales
 <u>Sweets Booth:</u>	 \$ 409.00
 <u>Donations:</u>	 + 180.00
	 <u>\$ 4,678.00 TOTAL PROFIT FROM FUNDRAISER!</u>

New Business:

Regent Paula reminded members to make notes of the dates they signed up to volunteer and help with regards to Court projects coming up and what they are responsible for. Members were also reminded of the CDA Mass on Wednesday, March 15 at 12:15 pm.

At this time there was an open discussion pertaining to Recruiting and ideas were discussed. One topic was having a Catholic Daughter Ministry Table visible at special events or after masses. Recruitment was then tabled to a future meeting.

Two tentative dates were made with reference to setting a date for the Spring Financial Review. Regent Paula advised that she will contact the District Deputy with those dates. Some members present volunteered to be available for the Financial Review.

Closing Prayer was recited, and a special prayer was given for the husbands of CDA members who volunteered at the Court's Annual Shrimp Boil Fundraiser held earlier this month. The meeting was then adjourned.


Recording Secretary, Bonnie D. Viator