

March 4, 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 5:35 PM. There was a quorum of officers and members present. The CDA Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Regent Paula introduced new member Carol Whipp to the court. Refreshments were provided by Elaine Barras.

Items of correspondence were passed around; most importantly, a letter from National about Emily Guilherme's end of term as National Regent, requesting some form of "thank you" to her from the court. Following discussion motion was made and passed unanimously that the court would donate to a local non-profit in Emily's name, that being Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center. More discussion. Upon motion by Rosa M. and seconded by Denise M., vote passed unanimously that \$25 would be donated in Emily's name to Disch-DeClouet.

Treasurer Barbara Babineaux gave the Treasurer's Report as follows: Checkbook beginning balance as of February 1st was \$6,602.47 and ending balance was \$6,522.47. One check was made and cashed by the court in the amount of \$200 to use as change money for the upcoming Annual Fundraiser and Sweets Sale. Motion was made by Mary R. and seconded by Sandra V. to approve the Treasurer's Report; it was approved unanimously

Copies of the Court's February Minutes were distributed and read silently by members. Motion was made by Kathy C. to approve the Minutes and seconded by Pat W. Hearing no objections the February Minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Prayer Petitions List - The Prayer Petitions List was circulated during the meeting to the members by Chairperson Kathy C. Kathy requested that members make corrections to the Petitions List being passed around.

Rosary - No rosaries for funerals to report.

Pro-Life Rosary at the Grotto - The Pro-Life rosary was recited on Sat. March 2 at the Grotto. Members Paula F., Mary R., Bonnie V., Kathy Cox, Pat W., and Carol Whipp attended.

Empathy - Chair Betty Rogers reported that she sent birthday cards to 4 members and will be sending 2 more cards later this month.

Spirituality - Member Kathy Cox noted that she recently read the book *Beautiful Eucharist* by Matthew Kelly and Chapter 2 titled "Why Do You Do That" touched her heart and made her reflect about Jesus truly being present in the Eucharist and in our lives. She desired to read this chapter to the members, which she did. This book is composed of a stunning collection of life-changing reflections about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and wonderfully present in our lives.

At this time **new member Carol Whipp was installed** as a member of the Court and she was presented with a CDA pin.

Old Unfinished Business:

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

Shrimp Boil Fundraiser - Chairperson Bonnie Viator reported on the upcoming Annual Fundraiser and plans were finalized at this time. She reminded ladies to wear either their CDA shirts or T-shirts for the fundraiser.

Regent Paula noted that Fr. Savoie was not ready for the giving out of the small Jesus statutes with regards to the service project "**Spreading a little Jesus.**" Therefore, it has been put on hold.

New Business:

Discussion was had regarding the upcoming **2024 National Convention** to be held August 14-18. With the deadline of March 15th approaching the court will send to National **2 delegate names**-- Paula Foret and Bonnie Viator. **2 alternate names** will be sent also--Mary Reaux and Suzette Menard.

Since this is an election year for local courts, Regent Paula requested 3 volunteers for the **Nominating Committee** to help create a slate of officers for the next 2 years. Mary Reaux, Denise Mestayer and Rosa Maynard volunteered. Also discussed was recruitment of new members.

3 ladies volunteered for the court's **Financial Audit** to be held sometime in April; namely, Pat Waguespack, Suzette Menard and Rosa Maynard.

Regent Paula noted that this month's **CDA Mass** will be ^{on} March 13. Reminder for members to wear their CDA shirts to mass.

St. Joseph's Altar - Plans were finalized with the help of Anne M., chairman of this project, for setting up of the Altar in the vestibule of the church preceding the weekend of March 16-17.

Other Business:

National Guard Family Day Cake Walk has been set for April 7th. Sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to bake cakes and/or other baked items.

Possible BINGO activity for April - Regent Paula spoke about this. Discussion had. It was also suggested that the court do an activity for the less fortunate. Tabled to a later date.

Closing Prayer was recited. Unanimous vote to adjourn was made. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Note: Door prizes were given during the meeting.



Recording Secretary, Bonnie D. Viator