

May 13, 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 5:45 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 Pat Waguespack. Items of correspondence were passed around to members.

Copies of the Court's April Minutes were distributed and read silently by members. Motion was made by Mary R. and seconded by Denise M. to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections the April minutes were approved.

In lieu of Treasurer Barbara Babineaux's absence and having been asked by Paula, Recording Secretary Bonnie Viator gave the Treasurer's Report as follows: Checkbook beginning balance as of April 1st was \$11,481.97 and ending balance was \$8,319.22. There were no deposits. Eight checks were written and five remained outstanding. Motion was made by Earline V. and seconded by Rosa M. to approve the Treasurer's Report. The Minutes were then unanimously approved.

Regent Paula read a "thank you" card and note from the family of Sean Guilbeau who has been on a new experimental drug for Ataxia patients, recently approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) since August of 2023. The family thanked the court for giving an annual monetary donation for the past several years to Ataxia Research Alliance. Also, member Earline V., grandmother to Sean, advised that Sean is showing a slow progression. At this time all court members prayed together out loud for Sean's improvement, as well as for all those on the court's Prayer Petition list.

Announcements:

Discussion was had pertaining to CDA's National Convention to be held in New Orleans in August. Most members have not decided if they would attend; some expressed perhaps going for a day or so. Regent Paula advised that "Day Passes" are now required and must be purchased before June 1st.

Regent Paula noted that she received the list of winners for **2023 Louisiana's Circle of Love** and that our Court was awarded **2nd Place** in the **"Spirituality" division** (Prayer Breakfast held on June 29, 2023). Court members applauded and thanked Regent Paula for writing and submitting our court entry pertaining to the "Prayer Breakfast" and also Denise M. who volunteered and served as Chairperson of this project. This Prayer Breakfast was attended by a large crowd and was a huge success!

Plans began for the 2024 Prayer Breakfast set for July 20th. Regent Paula will meet with Fr. Savoie to discuss a theme and speakers.

Committee Reports:

Prayer Petitions List - The Prayer Petitions List was available for court members to take. Chairperson Kathy C. requested that members call, text, or email her to add names and/or delete names.

Rosary - Regent Paula noted that one rosary was recited on April 9th at David's Funeral Home. Volunteers for recitation of the rosary were Rosa M., Earline V., Sandra V., and Paula R.

Pro-Life Rosary at the Grotto - The Pro-Life rosary was recited on Sat. May 4 at 10 am. Mary R., Bonnie V., and Paula F. were present. They also cleaned the Grotto altar and surroundings.

Empathy - In lieu of chair Betty Rogers' presence, Regent Paula reported the following: 3 birthday cards were sent out for the months of April and May: Nellie L., Suzette M., and Susan R.

Spirituality - Bonnie V. spoke on the life of Sr. Wilhelmina and the miracle of incorruptibility with the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, in Kansas City, Missouri.

New Business:

At this point in the meeting, due to inclement weather and weather alerts, it was immediately and unanimously agreed by all members present that the rest of the May meeting Agenda be "tabled" except for Election of Officers to serve for the term 2024-2026.

Election of Officers for 2024-2026 - The Nominating Committee consisting of Denise M., Mary Reaux, and Rosa M. reported as follows:

Regent: Paula Foret
Vice-Regent: - open -
Recording Secretary: Denise Mestayer
Financial Secretary: Carol Whipp
Treasurer: Susan Robinson

Following the Nominating Committee's report Regent Paula announced that Elaine Barras volunteered before the meeting to serve as Vice-Regent.

Regent Paula then performed the formal acceptance of the newly proposed officers and the voting of the officers by unanimous vote. The newly elected officers who will each serve a 2-year term are as follows:

Regent: Paula Foret
Vice-Regent: Elaine Barras
Recording Secretary: Denise Mestayer
Financial Secretary: Carol Whipp
Treasurer: Susan Robinson

Regent Paula then thanked the outgoing officers for their service, as follows:

Vice-Regent: Jeri Mestayer
Recording Secretary: Bonnie Viator
Financial Secretary: Shelly Hollier
Treasurer: Barbara Babineaux

Closing Prayer was recited and a unanimous vote to adjourn was made. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.


Recording Secretary, Bonnie D. Viator

**** NOTE: SEE "Minute Entry" dated May 31, 2024**