

November 14, 2022
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 5:40 pm. There was a quorum of officers and members present. Members recited a CDA Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Kathy Cox provided refreshments. Correspondence was passed around.

The Court selected Carson Fremin from New Iberia as our Court's 2023 CDA Kid. His paperwork for nomination as CDA Kid of the Lafayette Diocese was completed and mailed. ??? The Court selected Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center in New Iberia as its nominee to State CDA for the Diocese of Lafayette for 2023. ???

Recording Secretary Bonnie Viator read the October Minutes aloud, after which motion was made and approved.

Treasurer Barbara Babineaux reported a balance on hand as of October 1, 2022 of \$7,396.47 and a current balance as of November 1, 2022 of \$6,897.00. The last Bank Statement had a balance of \$7,256.39. Motion was made by Rosa Maynard and seconded by Denise Mestayer to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Committee Reports:

Prayer Petitions List - Chair Kathy Cox passed out updated List. Regent Paula stated that members get with Kathy after the meeting to add and/or delete any names. Added to the list at the meeting was "CDA members' relatives who have passed away."

Rosary - There were no funeral rosaries recited since last month.

Rosary at the Grotto - CDA continuing to maintain cleaning & tidying of the Grotto. Only Regent Paula and her husband Jim were present on Saturday, November 5, due to inclement weather.

Empathy - Chair Betty Rogers reported sending 4 "Thinking of You" cards to our Court's shut-in members.

Spirituality - Having volunteered last month to speak on "Spirituality" at this month's meeting, Barbara Babineaux discussed the "Saints" as they pertain to our Catholic faith. Several saints were brought up, men as well as women. All of the apostles are Saints except Judas. Saint Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus, and she is the Patron Saint of women and sinners. Jesus' mother, Mary, is also a Saint. She is the only person known to be assumed into heaven while still alive and not experiencing death. Presently there are over 10,000 Saints.

Old Unfinished Business:

Oct. 8-9: **Winter Clothing Drive** - Very successful. Clothing collected at all masses. Thanks went out to Betty Rogers, Chairperson and CDA member volunteers. Thanks also to Denise M.'s husband, George, for helping transport clothing to the Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center.

Oct. 23: **CCD Saints Fest** - Held in the Life Center for CCD students K-6th grade. There were plenty of games for the children to play. Some kids attended dressed as Saints and gave short presentations about them. Thanks to Denise Girouard; she prepared 'goodie' bags for the children. Thanks to those members who provided treats and to members who volunteered to help.

Oct. 23: (11:00 am Mass): **CDA Sunday** - Was celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Twelve members were in attendance. Regent Paula gave a short talk about CDA at the mass.

Oct. 25: **Court's Fall Financial Review/Audit** - Was performed by District Deputy Pam Guidry from Abbeville. All officers were present. Audit volunteers were members Mary Reaux, Rosa Maynard and Denise Girouard. State and National dues were paid at the time of the Review.

Oct. 30 - Nov. 5: **WRAP WEEK** - Was celebrated with OLPH's doors decorated with white ribbons. Member Barbara Babineaux was our chairperson and decorator for this event. Members Mary R. and Regent Paula F. placed inserts in church bulletins giving families information on prevention of pornography.

Nov. 12: **Wine and Cheese Pairings Event** - was held in the Life Center. CDA was asked to make sandwiches for the event; volunteer members Regent Paula, Kathy Cox, Earline Viator, Nellie Leger and Pat Waguespack did so. Our CDA Court donated a statue of Mary for the auction.

Regent Paula discussed CDA's **Circle of Love** and she asked members present to pray for someone to step forward and volunteer as Chairperson.

New Business:

There was discussion to hold a "**Holiday Food Drive**" for St. Francis Diner in December, possibly the weekend of Dec. 3-4. A chairperson in charge would be helpful.

Regent Paula noted it was time for the following disbursements by the Court per the Budget: \$50 to CDA Kid; \$200 to St. Francis Diner as a Thanksgiving donation; \$100 to Council on Aging; \$160 Christmas gifts to priests; \$100 donation to "Help the Helpers"; and \$20 to La. State CDA "Money Calendar."

Discussion was held pertaining to sending copies of the monthly agendas to CDA homebound members. Motion was made by Denise Mestayer, seconded by Denise Girouard, and passed by unanimous vote to send monthly agendas to homebound members.

Motion was made by Pat Waguespack, seconded by Kathy Cox, and passed by unanimous vote to send or deliver a \$100 Gift Card to a much needed family for Christmas--that being Marissa Escobar and her 2 daughters.

The Court's CDA Christmas Social or Gathering will be held at Jane's Seafood Restaurant on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 PM.

After Closing Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Recording Secretary, Bonnie D. Viator