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**September 9, 2024**  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)**

The regular meeting of Court Blessed Mother Teresa NO 2550 was called to order by Regent Paula Foret. The meeting was held at OLPH Life Center at 5:30pm. There was a quorum of officers and members present. The CDA opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The Court also prayed the Hurricane Prayer.

Janie Smith and Suzette Menard provided refreshments. Correspondence was passed around. There was a message from Jane Donahoe about National Convention. Robes will be replaced by a white shirt, black pants, black shoes, along with a medallion on a purple ribbon denoting their office.

The minutes of the August meeting were read silently by members. there were no objections, so the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Susan Robinson gave the Treasurer's Report. Beginning balance on August 1, 2024 was \$7,690.86. A check was written for \$87.75 for prayer breakfast. A deposit for \$15.00 was made. The ending balance on August 31, 2024 was \$7,618.11.

**Committee Reports:**

**Rosary Committee-** A Pro Life rosary was recited on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the Grotto. Six members attended.

**Empathy-** Six birthday cards were mailed out.

**Spirituality-** Mary Reaux gave a presentation on Saint Katherine Drexel. Pat Waguespack gave a presentation on St. Joseph. Next month Barbara Babineaux will give a presentation.

**Old Business:**

CDA Breakfast was held on September 17 for parents and students. A big thank you to Mary Reaux, Debby Onellion, and Paula Foret for helping serve the breakfast. There were about 50 people in attendance.

**New Business:**

**Baby Bottle Campaign-** Chairman Bonnie Viator announced that kickoff for the campaign is September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. More members are needed to hand out baby bottles after masses. Wear purple CDA shirts. The campaign will continue for September 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>. Bottles are to be returned to drop off boxes in Church by October 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>.

**National CDA Sunday-** The Court will celebrate on October 20<sup>th</sup> with a mass at 9:00 am at OLPH. Members are encouraged to wear purple shirts. There will be coffee and donuts for members and their families after mass in the Life Center.

**Prayer Breakfast-** Regent Paula Foret had a meeting with Father Savoie about the Prayer Breakfast. He suggested having the event either March 8<sup>th</sup> or March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is during lent. After voting the Court unanimously chose March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for the Prayer Breakfast. Father Savoie also approved the Court hosting a reception for First Communion on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Regent Paula Foret read a beautiful poem, "He Pointed His Finger at Me."

**Saints Fest-** This event will be held on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Denise Mestayer and Elaine Barras will be co-chair to organize the games, refreshments, and decorations.

**WRAP-** White Ribbon Against Pornography will be held Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Barbara Babineaux asked members to sign up to distribute white ribbons after every mass.

Regent Paula Foret suggested the Court maybe think of holding meetings at another location. There were some locations named as possibilities: Nativity, Sacred Heart, and the library.

**Food Drive-** The drive will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Carol Whipp will be chairman and Paula Foret will co-chair. Members were asked to volunteer to hand out bags after masses on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.


**Winter Clothing Drive-** The drive will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>- December 1<sup>st</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>- December 8<sup>th</sup>. Denise Mestayer will be chairman and Sandra Viator will co-chair.

Each chairman was handed a folder by Regent Paula Foret explaining in detail steps to take to make each event successful.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

**Other Business:**

A baby shower was held after the meeting. Members brought baby items to donate to the Unplanned Pregnancy Center. Members played games and gifts were given to winners.

  
Recording Secretary  
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