

Minutes of April 11, 2022

Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Bonnie Viator called the meeting to order. All officers were present. Members recited the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regent Bonnie Viator thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Denise Mestayer and Mrs. Nellie Leger. **Mrs. Paula Foret** and **Mrs. Sarah Gaspard** volunteered to provide refreshments for the May meeting.

No correspondence was passed around.

Minutes from the March 2022 meeting was read. The minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report:

	Checkbook Balance	Bank Statement Balance
As of March 31, 2022	\$8,614.74	\$8,614.74

Mrs. Mary Reaux reported that the current checkbook balance of \$8,614.74. Mrs. Betty Rogers asked the court to consider raising our budget amounts for the various CDA projects. The Court discussed budget and checking account balance.

Committee Reports:

Rosary- Mrs. Paula Foret reported no rosaries/no phone calls.

Rosary at the Grotto- Regent Bonnie Viator advised that the rosary was canceled in February due to the cold weather. In March, four ladies and one man attended. In April, four ladies and one man attended. **A lady went after the rosary and made a donation of \$82.00 to help with various Grotto projects and plants.**

Empathy- 3 Birthday, 1 Get Well, and 5 Thank You Cards were mailed out.

Spirituality- Mrs. Anne Minvielle spoke about the (April 7) Feast of St. John Baptiste de la Salle. St. John Baptiste de la Salle was a French priest. He would advocate to change hearts. He brought a group of schoolmasters together as the Institute of Brothers of the Christian Schools later changed to the Christian Brothers. This is how the St. Peters Grotto came about. Mrs. Anne Minvielle also spoke about the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil).

Dues- All dues have been paid for 2022.

CDA State Scholarships- No new updates.

St. Joseph's Altar- St. Joseph's Altar was held on March 19th and March 20th. All went well.

2022 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser- Our annual fundraiser was held on March 27, 2022. Total money brought in was \$9,475.00. Our expenses were \$5,457.39. Sweets/donations brought in \$414.75. Ending total was \$4,432.36. Regent Bonnie Viator thanked everyone for helping with the fundraiser. Mrs. Kathy Coxx went car to car delivering the dinners and asking the women to join Catholic Daughters.

Mrs. Mary Reaux brought up to the court about changing the amount CDA donates to the church's debt reduction. In the past, we donated \$200.00 for the Easter Vigil. We no longer do the Easter Vigil event. The Court then discussed increasing the amount to \$1,000. Mrs. Barbara Boudreaux made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the church for debt reduction. Mrs. Nellie Leger seconded the motion. All in favor of changing the \$600 to \$1,000.

Spring / April Audit: Mrs. Denise Girouard, Mrs. Pat Waguespack, and Mrs. Suzette Menard volunteered. The date of the audit is unknown at this time.

Request for Donation- Mrs. Erin Ardoin with the Diocese Office of Vocations asked for a donation to help with food for a retreat. Mrs. Anne Minvielle made a motion that we respond with all our monies are designated towards other projects at this time.. Mrs. Denise Mestayer seconded the motion. All in favor.

Surprise Donation Received- We received a \$1,000 donation from the Estate of Audrey Meche by her son (executor).

Nomination Committee- Mrs. Paula Foret reported as of today, vacant offices for Regent, Vice Regent, and Treasurer. Next month: official voting and floor nominations can be made.

Mrs. Anne Minvielle made a motion to change our budgetted monies for the St. Joseph Altar to go to St. Francis Diner. Mrs. Barbara Boudreaux seconded the motion. All in favor.

Prayer Petitions- Please get with Mrs. Kathy Cox to update our prayer petition list.

CDA Monthly Mass is Wednesday, April 20th at 12:15 p.m.

CDA's next meeting is Monday, May 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Pro-Life Rosary is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m. Please try to attend.

Regent Bonnie Viator led us in the Closing Prayer and Prayer for the United States. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned. (Afterwards, door prizes were awarded.)

Recording Secretary, Jeri Mestayer