

Minutes of March 14, 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 Regent Bonnie Viator and Jeri Mestayer. Mrs. Nellie Leger and Mrs. Denise Mestayer volunteered to provide refreshments for the April meeting.

Correspondence was passed around regarding our 2022 CDA Kid Max Borres. The news article was also posted on our Catholic Daughter Facebook page.

Minutes from the January 2022 and February 2022 meetings were read. Corrected spelling of names on the February minutes. The minutes stand approved.

Treasurer's Report:

	Checkbook Balance	Bank Statement Balance
As of February 28, 2022	4,799.59	\$4,799.59

Mrs. Mary Reaux reported that the current checkbook balance of \$5,174.59.

Committee Reports:

Rosary- Mrs. Paula Foret advised that she got in touch with the local funeral homes and advised that Catholic Daughters does rosaries for funerals. It is unclear how word got around that we were no longer doing rosaries. Mrs. Paula Foret also advised the OLPH office about the notice to the local funeral homes.

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.

Empathy- 1 Sympathy card, 1 Thank you card, and 4 Birthday cards were mailed out.

Spirituality- Mrs. Anne Minvielle spoke about the Feast of St. Joseph. The Feast of St. Joseph began in Sicily, Italy. The Sicilian people were suffering from a drought. They prayed a lot during this time. The rain came and the crops thrived. During the drought, the Sicilian people survived on fava beans. The Sicilian people considered these beans to bring luck.

Mrs. Anne Minvielle advised that the tiers of the St. Joseph table represent the Blessed Trinity. The tables are filled with the Sicilian people's favorite foods: bread, fruits, and vegetables.

Mrs. Anne Minvielle also advised about a Novena. A Novena is a prayer told over 9 days. The Novena told before the Feast of St. Joseph is the grace of a happy death.

Circle of Love- The deadline to submit entries was February 15. Mrs. Anne Minvielle submitted our entry in time.

St. Joseph's Altar- Last year we did not have a St. Joseph's Altar due to Covid. Since Covid, is still an issue, we will do a modified St. Joseph's Altar. Mrs. Anne Minvielle advised that we will set up two tables in the vestibule of the church. An announcement has been placed in the bulletin. On the tables, we will have ziplock bags of all the things that are important in understanding and celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph. Mrs. Anne Minvielle discussed getting together after the Wednesday 12 p.m. mass to create the bags. The Feast of St. Joseph display will be this coming weekend.

CDA State Scholarships- Regent Bonnie Viator apologized for the misunderstanding about having the Court judge and select a winner. As per the State instructions, Regent Bonnie Viator submitted the two 8th grade applications to the State.

Nomination Committee- Mrs. Bonnie Viator advised that we need three people to volunteer to be on the nomination committee. The job of these three members will be to call and get nominations for 4 out of the 5 board positions. Regent Bonnie Viator, Mrs. Mary Reaux, and Mrs. Rosa Maynard all have hit their two-term limit for their positions. The nomination committee will need to gather nominations for Regent, Vice Regent, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer positions. Mrs. Pat Waguespack, Mrs. Paula Foret, and Mrs. Barbara Babineaux volunteered to be on the nomination committee.

2022 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser- Our annual fundraiser is set for March 27, 2022, during Lent. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the day of the fundraiser. Last weekend, members covered the entrances of the church to sell tickets. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the upcoming weekend masses. Please wear your CDA shirts on March 27, 2022. All tickets and money need to be turned in by March 21. A sweet treats sign-up sheet was also passed around. Regent Bonnie Viator advised that she has a donation form to give to businesses for tax purposes.

Calendars for the nursing home- Our members have been collecting calendars for the nursing home residents. Belle Teche advised they needed 97 calendars. Regent Bonnie Viator advised that 56 calendars were donated.

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

CDA Monthly Mass is Wednesday, March 17th at 12:15 p.m.

CDA's next meeting is Monday, April 11th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Pro-Life Rosary is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Please try to attend.

Please get with Vice Regent Kathy Cox to update Prayer Petitions.

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