COURT MARY IMMACULATE #1719

 January 23, 2017

The meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mary Immaculate #1719 was called to order by Regent Mary Jane Schuster at 7:00 pm.

Court Officers:

Regent: Mary Jane Schuster Vice Regent: Terry Wade Treasurer: Maria Varela

Recording Secretary: Tina Galvan Financial Secretary: Virginia Campbell

Stella Trevino, Spiritual Advisor, was not present so Mary Ross led us in the opening prayer.

Mary Jane Schuster, Regent, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No guests were present.

Recording Secretary, Tina Galvan, took roll call. There was a quorum present. The Board has approved the minutes of the November 2016 meeting. Father Josef was in attendance.

We received thank you cards for the Christmas gift packages from Nora Ruiz and Rose Marie Mentesana. A thank you card was received from Joyce Ellis, our previous District Deputy. Sympathy cards were received from Court Madonna #1817 for Connie Flores and Jo Martin.

Legislative Activities: None to report

National News: None to report

State News: Vice Regent, Terry Wade, encouraged everyone to make plans to attend the convention in Corpus Christi April 20-23, 2017 and said that she had made hotel reservations at the Omni Corpus Christi. Two rooms for eight members has been reserved, if anyone else is interested to please let Terry know as soon as possible to make sure enough rooms are available as it does fill quickly. Options for traveling to the convention are still in progress. Lucie Tafalla is not present but is still searching for a good bus option. Airline travel through Southwest Airlines might be a good option.

Terry announced that Texas and Alaska the highest number of new courts. Donations to the Kenyan court allowed them to buy a bus and a tractor.

Financial Secretary, Virginia Campbell provided her report. The Court has 194 members. Membership dues are $30 per year and due by March 31, 2017 which can be paid by credit card, cash, or check. Every member who pays by March 1 will be in a drawing for free dues.

Treasurer, Maria Varela, gave her report. Beginning account balance was $18,232.15, $7422.93 was deposited, $3765.67 in expenses, and ending balance is $21,889.41. A $5000 donation via her will was made by our deceased member, Ann Barta.

Legislative Update: Susie DeMoss not present to give report.

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JCDA: Genie Dunn was not present to give her report. Mary Jane Schuster reported that at their last meeting on January8th they made 40-50 no-sew pillows for breast cancer and blankets for Children’s Hospital. Terry Wade, Vice Regent, will attend on February 5th, Tina Galvan on March 5th, Virginia Campbell on April 2nd, and Maria Varela on May 7th.

Circle of Love Service Hours: Enid Jones gave report. Circle of Love forms are encouraged to be completed and emailed to Enid Jones or Marilyn Sisco. Only 7 members have completed forms so ar. Last year there were 20 members. Blank forms are available on back table during the meeting. Service hours tracking is from March 2016 to February 2017. Send in forms to ebmjones@gmail.com or Msisco@hotmail.com . Hours must be submitted by end of February 2017.

Cheer/Sunshine: Joan Wood gave her report. Get Well cards were mailed to Mary LaCroix, Carla Reyna, and Yvonne Nykl.

Corporate Mass: Anna Nelson was not present to give her report. The next Corporate Mass will be on February 12th but the location has not been determined. It is strongly encouraged that everyone try to attend all Corporate Masses. The March 12th Corporate Mass will be at St Patrick for the New Members mass at 2pm.

Rosary Making: Mary Ross gave her report. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1st from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the home of Mary Ross. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Baby Caps: Kay Piccola announced that she is working with Genie Dunn and have found boxes of fabric on Amazon for $15 per box. Baby caps are given to babies at Parkland Hospital.

VA Bingo: Barbara Burris not in attendance. The next VA bingo will be on March 29th. Contact Barbara Burris to help.

Dallas Life Foundation: Julie Glover gave report. The next time to volunteer will be February 4th to serve lunch. Meet at St. Patrick Church parking lot to carpool 30 minutes prior to expected time. Volunteers needed for sorting clothes from 10:00 to 12:00 and serving lunch from 10:45 to 1:00. In 2017 the days are April 1st (lunch), May 6th (lunch) and June 3rd to serve lunch.

Deanery: Diane Anderson gave report. The quarterly lunch will be held on Wednesday, February \_\_ at St. Thomas Aquinas. Registration begins at 9:30. Keynote speaker will be the CEO of Catholic Charities.

Scrapbook: Bea Deen gave report. After 2 years of working on the scrapbook it is completed and is turned over the court to take to the convention. The scrapbook is on display at a table during today’s meeting. Thanks to the committee of Santa Bullard, Nellie Ortez, Joan Wood, and Bea Deen.

Shut-Ins/Phone Check List – Carla Reyna not in attendance. Please let Carla know if anyone needs to be added to the list of members who are unable to attend our events and might need a phone call or visit. There were 19 ladies on list to be visited at Christmas, 16 were visited and had gifts delivered. The feedback was enthusiastic.

CDA Website: Kristy Campbell not in attendance. No report given.

New Business: None to discuss.

The New Members Tea is scheduled for February 19 at Debbie Schirico’s home. Flyers will be available in the newsletter and at the next meeting. The New Members Mass and Luncheon is scheduled for Marth 12th at St Patrick Church and Parish Hall.

We are also looking for a leader for the Directory that will be published in the spring. Kristy Campbell can help with the typing, but we need an ad sales leader and a phone committee leader.

Fund Raisers: St. Patrick has a Date Night ministry for married couples. We are asked to help again with this. We need at least 5 people every 2nd week for 5 sessions from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. The upcoming dates are February 17th, March 3rd, March 24th, April 7th, and April 21st. Sign up sheets are on the back wall during the meeting.

Fish Fry Desserts is our other big fundraiser. Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus is starting the first Friday in March. Everyone will need to be involved in baking and selling desserts. Mark your calendars March 5th through Good Friday.

Cork Pull. Tina Galvan agreed to be the lead for the Cork Pull and Marth Beth Bossart agreed to host the bottle decorating party again. We will need a committee to gather the bottles and donations then help with organizing the event. Please volunteer to help.

Other fundraisers we are considering are another Painting Party, a Family Day at Dave & Busters, a garage sale, and the Cake Wheel at the 4th of July event.

Tom Thumb card number is #436.

Next CDA Court Meeting: February 27th

50/50: Dottie Lucas Birthday: Maureen O’brien

Refreshment Committee: Provided by board members. Hospitality Chair is Dianna Cabrera, she will not be able to cover for the next two months. Dorothy Reid will cover for Dianna. Please let her know if you can help with set up and take down at each meeting.

There were 29 members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm with prayer led by Father Josef. Closing Ode sung.

Tina Galvan, Recording Secretary

January 25, 2017