COURT MARY IMMACULATE #1719

 February 27, 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 (not present)

Recording Secretary: Tina Galvan Financial Secretary: Virginia Campbell

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

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

New guest Vanessa Sharp who attends St Joseph in Richardson came with her mother, Fran Richards. Also, Teresa Vance who attends St Thomas is a new member was present.

Recording Secretary, Tina Galvan, took roll call. There was a quorum present. The Board has approved the January 2017 minutes. Father Josef was in attendance.

We received thank you cards for the Christmas gift packages from Lucille Lafferty and Dulce Berbarie. A thank you card was received from the Marina and Jim Bradley on behalf of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns. We received another thank you card from Carmelite Nuns of Dallas. The family of Connie Flores sent a card thanking us for attending the rosary and for the Resolution of Condolence. A letter of thanks was received from Cristina Caine at the White Rose Women’s Center. A Certificate of Appreciation came from the North Texas Food Bank.

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.

Financial Secretary, Virginia Campbell provided her report. The Court has 196 members. 84 members have paid dues, 112 in arrears. 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, was not present to give a report

Legislative Update: Susie DeMoss not present to give report.

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JCDA: Genie Dunn gave her report that at their last meeting on February 5th, they made 400 baby caps for the babies at Parkland hospital. The meeting on March 5th was cancelled. Virginia Campbell will attend the next meeting on April 2nd, and Maria Varela on May 7th. They have about 50 members. She also asked all members to please show up or call if you are unable to attend the Dallas Life Foundation service. Some members had signed up but did not show up.

Circle of Love Service Hours: Enid Jones not present but Mary Jane Schuster reported that all hours have been submitted. Five different categories were covered.

Cheer/Sunshine: Joan Wood gave her report. Get Well cards were mailed to Anna Nelson and Cindy Novy. Patt Torti was also sent a get well card.  And a card will be sent to Jo Ropollo on the death of her brother. A sympathy card was mailed to Georgia Johnson.

Corporate Mass: Anna Nelson gave her report. The next Corporate Mass will be on March 12th at St. Patrick’s as part of the New members Mass at 2pm. The April mass will at at 9:00am at Holy Cross, the next mass will be on May 7th at Holy Trinity at 11:00am.

Rosary Making: Mary Ross gave her report. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the home of Mary Ross. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. 100 to 150 rosaries are made each year and sent to different missions.

Baby Caps: Kay Piccola announced that she currently has 2 boxes of material remaining. 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 not in attendance to give report. The next time to volunteer will be March 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 not present to give report.

Shut-Ins/Phone Check List – Carla Reyna not in attendance. Carla had back surgery in November and her husband is also in need of surgery.

CDA Website: Kristy Campbell not in attendance to give report. Mary Jane Schuster announced that our website has been entered in the state convention contest.

New Business: Dorothy Reid asked for volunteers for Honor Guard. Announced that all thank you cards and correspondence should be sent to Mary Jane Schuster’s home.

The New Members Tea was held on February 19 at Debbie Schirico’s home. 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 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 3rd through Good Friday. Desserts are needed and can be dropped off at the KC Hall after 5pm or take them to Terry Wade’s house.

Cork Pull. Tina Galvan agreed to be the lead for the Cork Pull and Mary 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.

Cake Wheel will be led by Leanor Villareal. Please let her know if you can help.

Announcements. Two donations in honor of member who have passed away were given by the family of Connie Flores and the Ann and Ted Barta family.

Tom Thumb card number is #436.

Next CDA Court Meeting: March 27th

50/50: Mary Tosetto Birthday: Dottie Lucas and Virginia Campbell

Refreshment Committee: Hospitality Chair is Dianna Cabrera, but she was not able to serve, so Dorothy Reid will continue to cover for Dianna for another month. Please let her know if you can help with set up and take down at each meeting.

There were 28 members present. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm with prayer led by Father Josef. Closing Ode sung.

Tina Galvan, Recording Secretary

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