COURT MARY IMMACULATE #1719

May 22, 2017 Meeting Minutes

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.

Mary Jane Schuster stated that our charter is draped in white honoring the life of our beloved member Rosalie Duca. CDA has changed the protocol of draping the charters in white instead of black to honoring CDA deceased members’ lives.

Court Officers:

Acting Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Gaspard took roll call. There was a quorum present.  The Board had already approved the April 2017 minutes.   Father Josef was not present. Regent:  Mary Jane Schuster    Vice Regent: Terry Wade      Treasurer: Maria Varela (not present)

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Gaspard (acting for: Tina Galvan, not present)      Financial Secretary: Virginia Campbell

Stella Trevino, Spiritual Advisor, led us in the Mary, month of May ceremony (opening prayer).

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

No new members or guests.

We received thank you letters for donations made in the name of Ann Barta from Snowball Express, Friends of St. Joseph, Ladies of Charity, and the North Texas Food Bank.

National News:  National Convention to be held in Sioux Falls, SD from July 18-21, 2018

State News: None to report.

Financial Secretary, Virginia Campbell provided her report. The Court has 194 members.  163 members have paid dues, 31 in arrears. Membership dues are $30 per year and due by March 31, 2017 and late on April 1st. Final letters will be sent out in June.

Treasurer, Maria Varela, was not present to give a report.

Legislative Update: Susie DeMoss not present to give report.

JCDA: Genie Dunn was not present to give report

Circle of Love Service Hours: Enid Jones not present. No report.

Cheer/Sunshine:  Joan Wood gave her report.  Get well cards were mailed to two members, Beth Williamson, and Rosalie Duca (now deceased). Condolence cards will be sent to the Duca family and also Louise Mehan on the death of her husband.

Corporate Mass:   Anna Nelson gave her report. The next Corporate Mass will be June 11th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Peter the Apostle, following with lunch in their cafeteria. The next Mass will be July 9th at 9 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas with lunch afterward at Luby’s on Mockingbird. The August Mass (8/13/17) will be at the Cathedral in Downtown at 11 a.m. with lunch following in their cafeteria.

Rosary Making: Mary Ross was present and gave her report.  Mary Ross will be retiring as the chair of the rosary making group.  The last meeting for this service will be June 7th at 2 p.m. unless the JCDA or another adult member takes over this service. The JCDA has received the rosary supplies already in stock.  Anyone interested in this ministry may contact Mary Jane Schuster.

Baby Caps:  Kay Piccola had no report, but stated the court received a thank you letter from the hospital.

VA Bingo: Barbara Burris not in attendance. Mary Jane Schuster stated the next VA bingo will be Wed, May 31st. Contact Barbara to help.  Volunteers meet at the CVS on 75 & Mockingbird at 5:45pm to car pool. The next dates are Wed, 8/30/17 & again Wed, 11/29/17. No information on the October carnival at this time.

Dallas Life Foundation:  Julie Glover not in attendance to give report. Mary Jane Schuster stated the next time to volunteer will be Sat, June 3rd to serve lunch.  Meet at St. Patrick Church parking lot to carpool 30 minutes prior to expected time.  JCDA do help but more adult CDA members are needed to volunteer.

Deanery:  Diane Anderson was not present to give a report.

Shut-Ins/Phone Check List – Carla Reyna not present but Joan Wood was and stated that there is no report at this time.

CDA Website: Kristy Campbell in attendance but gave no report. Mary Jane Schuster stated that thanks to Kristy as our #1719 court won 1st place at the State Convention for the website.

Directory: Kay Piccola presented the first hard copy of the 2017-19 directory.  It was passed around so members present can double-check the accuracy of their information.  Kristy Campbell has helped with typing.

New Business:  Terry Wade gave report that we’ve received our new T-shirts and they can be picked up tonight. Payment of $15 per shirt is due at the time of pick-up. Future orders with a five-shirt minimum can be made. Member Kelly Simms asked if t-shirts are to be worn whenever CDA is doing volunteer work. Mary Jane Schuster stated that, while not mandatory, the board encourages the shirts to be worn at these times.

Mary Jane Schuster stated the need for a Budget Committee. Per standing rule 16, a budget needs to be in place by August to be approved at September meeting. Julie Glover is overseeing this. Leanor Villareal, Maureen O’Brien and Anna Nelson volunteered to help with budget.

Mary Jane Schuster stated Father Josef’s birthday is actually November 2nd; however, his party is being planned for October 28th with 5 p.m. Mass (at St. Patrick’s) followed by a reception at KC. CDA members encouraged to begin thinking of CDA’s involvement in the party.

Fund Raisers: Terry Wade stated that Mary Beth Bossart will host the Cork Pull bottle decorating party Friday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Wine bottles and/or donations need to be brought tonight through next month’s meeting. The wine-decorating party is the Friday before our June meeting.

Cake Wheel: Leanor Villareal reported that she still needs volunteers to make cakes and also work the cake wheel.  Please sign up and/or let her know if you can help.

Terry Wade had no news regarding opportunities to partner with KC (still looking into a possible cork pull for 9/23/17)

Announcements.

Mary Jane Schuster discussed the court establishing a “fun committee” as the business meetings can be a tad tedious (it is important for the court to keep in line with protocol). She encouraged members to come up with ways to keep the meetings entertaining, such as having different speakers.

Seminarian Welcome Baskets: Flyers were presented to members (on the table) regarding the Trinitarian Auxiliary welcome baskets. Items needed include gift cards, black socks, spiral notebooks, and #10 envelopes. Collections are being taken by Genie Dunn and Holly Brown at the St. Patrick church office through July 31st.

Tom Thumb card number is #436.

Summer social ideas presented were a pizza party (Anna Nelson) and a talent show (Elizabeth Gaspard).

Mary Jane Schuster mentioned that State Convention discussed different ways for communications within the individual courts. The court will discuss at future meetings to possibly incorporate some of these different ways of communications at Court #1719.

Next CDA Court Meeting:  June 26, 2017 and will be a potluck, so everyone was encouraged to bring a dish.

50/50: Esperanza Vera        Birthday: Debbie Shirico

Refreshment Committee:    Hospitality Chair is Dianna Cabrera. She thanked Dorothy Reid for helping when she was called to be on ACTS team at St. Patrick’s parish. No sign up needed for next month as is a potluck. Everyone to bring a dish.

There were 30 members present.  The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm with closing prayer about Fatima led by Stella Trevino. Closing Ode sung.

Elizabeth Gaspard, acting for Tina Galvan, Recording Secretary

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