COURT MARY IMMACULATE #1719

January 22, 2018

The meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mary Immaculate #1719 was called to order by Regent Mary Jane Schuster at 7:01 pm.

Court Officers:

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

Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Gaspard Financial Secretary: Virginia Campbell

Fr. Josef was not present. Deacon Desmond from St. Patrick’s stopped by to introduce himself and speak to the court for a few minutes. Nellie Ortez led opening prayer.

Mary Jane Schuster led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members, new guests: No new members were in attendance. Several guests were present: Peggy Paradise, Ellen Kemper, Sara Jutton, Dr. Cheryl Kinney, and Liz Mullins.

Recording Secretary, Elizabeth Gaspard took roll call. All board members attended so there was a quorum present. Read correspondence: thank you notes from N. TX Food Bank and Ladies of Charity. Also received a thank you note from Dulce Berbarie for her gift and Susie DeMoss’ Christmas visit. The November 2017 meeting minutes had been approved and were on the back table for perusal.

Financial Secretary, Virginia Campbell provided her report. The Court has 184 members with no one in arrears. January newsletters will be mailed out with envelopes for members to mail in their 2018 dues.

Treasurer, Maria Varela gave the treasurer’s report.

National News: Terry Wade reminded everyone of the national CDA convention in July 2018 at Sioux Falls, SD. She mentioned that our Court has been allotted 4 delegates and 8 alternates. Four rooms have been reserved with two beds in each room. We need a final count of attendees before June 1st or there will be a $400 cancel fee. Packets were available for anyone interested in attending.

State News: Terry Wade had nothing to report at this time.

JCDA: Genie Dunn reported that the JCDA members service projects included buying school supplies for a school in El Salvador. Also, they made gift bags for seminarians.

Volunteer Hours: Enid Jones was not at the meeting, so Mary Jane reminded members to go online to record all volunteer hours as the totals are due March 1st. Mary Jane stated there are paper forms on the back table for those members who don’t want to go online.

Cheer/Sunshine: Joan Wood reported that a sympathy card was sent to Margaret Moser on the death of her daughter.

Shut-in/Visits: Mary Jane thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas visits.

Corporate Mass: Anna Nelson was not present, so Mary Jane stated that the Mass for January 14th was celebrated at Holy Trinity and lunch followed at El Fenix. It was well-attended. The February 11th Corporate Mass will be at St. Bernard at 11 a.m. Brunch is TBA, but Anna is checking into HP Cafeteria.

Rosary Making: Elizabeth Gaspard reported that rosary makers will meet at her house every first Thursday but because there has been poor attendance at the afternoon timeslot, it has been cancelled. From now Rosary Making is every first Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next rosary making meeting is Thursday, February 8th.

Baby Caps: Kay Piccola reported that she purchased 7 boxes of baby caps and they have already been doled out to several members to prepare baby caps for Parkland.

VA Bingo: Barbara Burris was not present, so Mary Jane reported the next VA bingo will be January 31st. The next VA Bingo is not until May 30th and again on August 29th. Contact Barbara Burris if interested.

Dallas Life Foundation: Julie Glover reported that the next lunch service project at Dallas Life is Saturday, February 10th from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet at St. Patrick’s parking lot at 10:15 a.m. for carpooling. If interested, contact Julie Glover.

Deanery: Diane Anderson - nothing to report (speaker).

Fun Committee: Maureen O’Brien introduce Dr. Cheryl Kinney who spoke on women’s health issues (mammograms, weight loss, vaginas, and vaccinations). Next month’s speaker TBD as Carol Ackels has cancelled.

New Business: Fish Fry: Debbie Schirico stated that the first Lenten Friday desserts are needed on February 16th. She stated that volunteers are needed for both indoors and the drive thru. However, everyone is needed to participate in making desserts even if you can’t volunteer.

New Member Tea will be Sunday, March 4th at Terrie Tellini’s home at 2 p.m. Flyers are on the back table. Volunteers needed to work with Kay Piccola for set up, food, and take down.

New Member Mass is Sunday, March 18th at St. Patrick Parish with Mass at 2 p.m. and luncheon afterward in the Parish Center. Need volunteers to work with Kay Piccola regarding set up and take down, catering, gifts, etc.

We need committee leaders to coordinate different services and ministries such as the cork pull for our disabled vets. The cork pull committee has been divided into collecting wines and the execution of the event. Mary Jane reminded everyone that sign-up sheets for all committees are posted on the wall at each meeting.

Nellie Ortez led the closing prayer.

Next CDA Court Meeting: CDA next regular meeting is Monday, February 26th.

50/50: Elsa Franzoi Birthday: Lucie Tafalla and Maureen O’Brien

Refreshment Committee: Board provided food for members this month. Diann Cabrera is back in charge of hospitality. She passed around a volunteer sheet for members to sign up to bring refreshments in February.

There were 31 members present. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm after singing the closing Ode.

Elizabeth Gaspard, Recording Secretary

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