

# Minutes of November 9, 2020

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)

### Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550

Regent Bonnie Viator called the meeting to order. All officers were present. Enella Broussard led us in the Opening Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Regent Bonnie Viator thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting. We welcomed Our Lady of Perpetual Help's new Parochial Vicar, Father Arockia Doss Paltasar. All members introduced themselves to Father.

The refreshments were provided by Anne Minveille and Kathy Cox. Correspondence was passed around. Regent Bonnie Viator received an email from Sr. Josita. Sr. Josita wanted us to know that she was praying for us during the hurricane season. If you would like to write her an email, her email address is [srjosita@olivben.org](mailto:srjosita@olivben.org).

Minutes of the October meeting were read. Enella Broussard made a motion to accept the minutes, Denise Girouard seconded, and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

	Checkbook Balance	Bank Statement Balance
As of October	3907.39	3907.39

**Committee Reports:**

**Rosary-** 0

**Pro-Life Rosary-** November (4 ladies)

**Empathy-** 2 Birthday

**Circle of Love-** We should be receiving the forms from National hopefully by mid-November.

**Scrapbook-** Regent Bonnie Viator talked about putting all photos in a folder in the filing cabinet at the Parish Life Center.

**Spirituality-** Anne Minveille spoke about the Feast days in November.

- All Saints Day (November 1), All Souls Day (November 2), Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica (November 9), Saint Cecilia (November 22), Feast of Christ the King (November 22), and First Sunday of Advent (November 29). The First Sunday of Advent marks the church's liturgical year.

**Announcements:**

- We are now collecting dues for next year, 2021.

- The Church Vocational Cross sign-up sheet is now ready. You can sign up by calling the Our Lady of Perpetual Help's office in the morning.

- We began currently collecting school supplies AND/OR Covid-19 pandemic items for the teachers, as well as monetary donations. The Court will accept anything that you wish to donate for teachers.

- Ms. Enella is still making baby blankets. If you would like to help, you can purchase fabric/thread to donate or just give a monetary donation.

- We discussed helping Hurricane Laura/Delta victims. Mary Reaux and Nellie Leger's families are both doing ok.

- Updates on sick members and/or their families:

\* Donna's son, Toddy, has a spot on his right lung. Doctors confirmed it is cancer. The spot on his brain has grown into four lesions. He completed radiation treatment. He is now doing chemo.

\* Paula's brother, Mike Williams, was in an accident on August 23. He is still paralyzed.

\* Betty had an appointment with the cardiologist today. Last Tuesday, her heart rate was so low she was monitored for four hours in the emergency room. Last Thursday, the cardiologist placed a halter monitor on her for forty-eight hours. The monitor was removed today and now she has to do a cardiogram.

- National "Fun"D calendar (October 2020-2021) and State Court Calendar fundraisers are available. If you would like to purchase one, Regent Bonnie can print you a form.

### **Old Business:**

- **Beautification of Grotto Project-** The Grotto was cleaned up Saturday before the Rosary. The altar was very dirty, since the last two hurricanes.

- Regent Bonnie Viator emailed "Court CDA Kid"'s mother, Candace, yesterday for an update. Jean-Paul has been moved to the Ronald McDonald house near the hospital. He will stay there for three months. His resource teacher speaks with him every Friday. Please continue praying for Jean-Paul. Jean-Paul recently had his second heart transplant.

- The budget has not been done yet. Regent Bonnie Viator will be getting together with Mary Reaux on Thursday. It will get done! We have to add State Convention expenses to the budget this year.

- The 49th Biennial Louisiana State Convention will be held April 15-18, 2021 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. State advises that delegates and alternates should be elected not appointed at the November meeting. Members discussed who would go. A motion was made by Anne Minveille, seconded by Cheryl Dauphiney, that Regent Bonnie Viator, Mary Reaux, and Enella Broussard would go. The Court discussed calling all the members not present to see who would want to go.

- **7 Pillars Project-** Regent Bonnie Viator sent in our nomination for the project, the Unexpected Pregnancy Center.

- **15-year CDA Pins-** Regent Bonnie discussed the costs of the pins. Enella Broussard is donating \$50 for pins.

- **2021 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser-** Our 2020 Shrimp Boil Fundraiser was canceled due to Covid-19. Father Savoie gave permission for us to use the Parish Life Center. Plan on handing out tickets beginning in January. Tickets will be handed out at the January meeting.

- **WRAP-** The WRAP inserts were placed in the church bulletins.

- **Court Website/Facebook-** [www.lacda2550.com](http://www.lacda2550.com) For any court events, you can check the court website and the court Facebook page.

**New Business:**

- **CDA Sister of the Quarter-** Our CDA Sister of the Quarter for September is Enella Broussard.
- **Scholarship Contest-** Regent Bonnie Viator announced that this will be an officer's project. The deadline for entries is February 1, 2021.
- **Christmas Social-** Our Christmas Social is scheduled for December 9. The Social will be held at the Parish Life Center. The budget for the social is \$200.
- **Thanksgiving Service Project-** This was tabled due to Covid-19 closing down St. Francis Diner.
- **Help the Helpers-** This is a service project sponsored by The Daily Iberian. Last year, we donated to this project. This project is currently in the budget. We will be donating \$100.
- **Family in Need-** Our CDA Family in Need pick is Kayla Ransonet. Kayla is waiting on a kidney transplant. This project is currently in the budget. We will be donating \$300.
- **CDA Monthly Mass-** There will be no monthly mass for December. The next CDA mass will be January 20, 2021.
- **CDA Meeting-** There will be no monthly meeting for December. We will have our Christmas Social on December 9. Our next CDA meeting will be on January 11 at 5:00pm here in the Parish Life Center.
- **Eucharistic Adoration-** The Eucharistic Adoration will begin on December 4. It will only be from 11:30am - 12:00pm.
- **Pro-Life Rosary-** Next Grotto Rosary is scheduled for Saturday, December 5 at 10:00am.
- **November Birthdays-** Cheryl Dauphiney (3) and Sr. Josita Lopez (4)
- **December Birthdays-** Pat Waguespack (16), Sarah Gaspard (22), and Fay Ferry (27)
- **Refreshments Volunteers-** Volunteers for January refreshments are Rosa Maynard and Janie Smith.
- **Prayer Petitions-** If you would like to add/remove names from the prayer petition, please contact Vice Regent Kathy Cox.
- **Recruitment-** Please invite a lady friend to the meeting! If a member recruits a "New" member, they will receive a gift.

Regent Bonnie Viator led us in prayer. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone agreed. The meeting was adjourned. (Afterwards, door prizes were awarded.)

  
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Jeri Mestayer, Recording Secretary