



**Catholic Daughters Court # 2755
Minutes for January 11, 2021**

The Zoom meeting of the Catholic Daughters of America Court 2755 was called to order by Regent, Patti Tapia at 7 P.M. All officers were present and a quota was met.

AGENDA ITEM #1: SAY YOUR NAME WHEN SPEAKING

Patti reminded all to say their name before they speak.

AGENDA ITEM #2: DECEMBER TREASURER REPORT

Judy Goldthorp reported that our balance on hand as of December 1, 2020 was \$3314.89. As of the end of December the balance is \$3291.27

AGENDA ITEM #3: FUNDRAISING REPORT

Judy G. reported Shop e Scrip and the Panera Bread fundraising were successes. The Court's goal was to raise \$100 by June of 2021: accomplished by end of December. Read info on activities in newsletter.

AGENDA ITEM #4: APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

Dottie Vanicek made a motion to approve the December minutes. Minutes approved.

AGENDA ITEM # 5: THANK YOU TO NEW USHERS

Patti Tapia and Father B thanked everyone who attended usher training, Their help at Christmas and New Year's Masses was most appreciated..

AGENDA ITEM #6: CHARITY SELECTION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The Charity Committee consists of Minnie Capello, Maria Chacon, Marian Sims, and Mary Ann Stacey. All thanked Maria Chacon for becoming their leader and helping organize, research data, and set up meetings.

Maria spoke from the committee telling that they started with 100 charities authorized by National. The top 4 the committee chose are:

CATHOLIC EXTENSION
SOAR
MISSIONS OF MERCY (MOM)
TX DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Judy Goldthorp made the motion that we divide the \$1000 allotted in our budget among

all 4 charities instead of choosing 2. Motion passed unanimously. Judy told us that in the 2021 budget there is \$500 allotted to Saint Michael's and \$500 to a charity not yet chosen.

Judy said we have more money on hand after those funds are distributed; however, these monies are not in the approved 2021 budget. If we choose to spend, the members must take a vote.

Lisa Allen made a motion to donate money to Pallottine Fathers, a fund that donates money for student education and helps youth who are upcoming priests in all countries, especially India. Regent Patti decided to table the motion until further investigation is obtained..

AGENDA ITEM #7: USHERS FOR 5 PM MASSES

The need for ushers at 5 PM Mass on Sundays was expressed. Any who can help please contact Sara Messacar. Ushers are also needed at 11 AM Mass. Mary Kajs said she would contact all those who attended the new usher class to get volunteers. She suggests it would not be a hardship on anyone if all could take one 5 PM Mass per quarter. Ushers need to arrive 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass and plan to stay a short while afterwards to help with cleanup

AGENDA ITEM #8: ST MICHAEL'S SURVEY

Father B encouraged everyone to please fill out the upcoming survey on the church website.

AGENDA ITEM #9 DUES – WILL START COLLECTING IN JANUARY

Mary Kajs reported that there are 75 members and 13 that are in arrears. \$30 dues for 2021 can be either mailed to Mary or take to the church office. There is a box for Court Daughters of Mary #2755 in the church office. Dues are due by February 28th . Mary will send all members an email. When you reply, input all of your correct information and also add your birthday month and day.

AGENDA ITEM #10 MEETINGS AT CHURCH (IN FUTURE)

Patti said we all look forward to the time when we can meet in person.

AGENDA ITEM #11 SYMPOTHY AND GET WELL WISHES

Send any CDA members' names to Linda Chreno who are in need of sympathy or get well cards.

FATHER B

Fr. B said that recently 4 very active members of St Michael's passed away. Two of them were on the Parish Council: Linda Sorlie and Ray Hernandez. Please pray for all of their families.

Deacon Walters will be leading the office staff. He will join a future meeting so we can all get to know him

St. Michael's says goodbye to staff members Michelle Allen, Patti Lavendar,

Rosemary Keeley, Brenda Garza, and Tara Smith. Prayers and well wishes to them.

Bishop Olson has given his approval to our diocese for altar renovations. The plan is to have it completed by Easter.

Fr. reminded us that this is the year of St. Joseph. There will be 33 days of special prayers to St. Joseph. Nine days before the feast of St. Joseph, there will be a novena at the 8 AM Masses.

Father B thanked Lisa Allen for suggesting that the CDA support the charity group Pallottine. He highly supports this ministry.

Please pray for world peace and the volatile situation in the US.

Fr. let us know that Pope Francis has decreed that women can now serve on the altar. What this means is that Pope Francis changed the Code of Canon Law, which is already in practice: the access of lay women to the service of the Word and The Altar. Lay women may become Lectors, Acolytes, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Many of these practices are already authorized by local Bishops. This is now a true and proper institutional mandate.

Dotti Vanicek spoke about the mass cards. They are \$2.50 each. The Mass will be said for the recipient the 1st Friday of each month for one year in Texarkana. Call her to request the number of cards you wish. She will deposit the cards in the CDA box in the church office. Please enclose the donation with the card and the recipient's information.

Regent Patti told father that the rosary making was tabled due to not being able to contact woman who has the information.

Lisa Allen made a motion to close the meeting. Motion passed. The Zoom meeting of the CDA court #2755 ended at 8:10pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary
Linda Sorenson
