



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Pere Maltrait #1445 Minutes for July 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of Court Pere Maltrait #1445 was held on July 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Hall with Regent, Marlene Dronet, presiding.

The Regent welcomed all members and invited all members to join her in reciting the CDA mission statement.

No new members.

No guest speaker this month.

Silent roll call of officers by Recording Secretary, Pam Gaspard. All officers were present. 18 members were in attendance.

Minutes from the June meeting by Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary, were placed on the church website. Shelley Istre made a motion to approve the June minutes, which was seconded by Marlene Broussard. Minutes were accepted with corrections.

Since our last meeting, we had one member, Mrs. Margarite Bourque, pass away. Roster updates were sent to the local and national level officers. Confirmation of updated roster was received.

Ariana Pommier reviewed the financial status, noting that the May closing balance was \$6,342.82. June deposits totaled \$755, derived from raffle ticket sales and cash donations, and expenditures included a \$59 check written to the Marion Landry, resulting in an ending balance of \$7,038.82

Old Business

Ariana Pommier, Financial Secretary reported that a check for \$55.00 from the collected donations during our June meeting was provided to Marion Landry for reimbursement of supplies purchased for our current annual charity *The Martin de Tours Facility*. As voted on at the June meeting this charity will run through August with our newly voted on charity *The Housing Authority* beginning in September of 2026.

Lacy Guidry, Vice Regent, reported that CDA members were invited to attend mass at St. Anne Church on June 20th and 21st to encourage new membership. Mrs. Marlene Dronet and Mrs. Melissa Guidry spoke to the congregation. Thank you to all who attended.

Workshop Training: Lacy Guidry reported that our new CDA board; Marlene Dronet, Lacey Guidry and Ariana Pommier attended the local court officers installation and training workshop in St Martinville on June 14th. They shared that the session provided instruction on implementing Robert's Rules of Order, specifically regarding meeting procedures, the order of discussion, and the board's responsibility to facilitate business for the membership.

Father's Day Koozies: Marlene Dronet and Amber Touchet discussed the delivery of Father's Day koozies to local nursing homes, which occurred on June 17th. While they were unable to visit with the residents directly, the staff indicated that the koozies were well-received.

Spring Cleaning Logistics: Amber Touchet led a discussion regarding the upcoming spring cleaning at Cabrini Church, on July 18th at 8:30 AM. She advised that seven JCDA members had signed up to assist. Participants planned the logistics, including the necessary cleaning supplies such as vacuums, Windex, and ladders, and discussed specific tasks like cleaning pews, windows, and removing candle wax from the altar.

New Business

The Prayer Vessel was returned by Annie Vidalier and will go to Angela Sistrunk.

JCDA update – The leaders and adult sponsors will be meeting on July 20th to plan and organize court activities for the year.

Apostolate of the Seven Sisters: Shelley Istre provided an update on the Apostolate of the Seven Sisters, reporting that one group was actively praying before the Blessed Sacrament for our pastor, Fr. Mike, and another group was praying for Fr. Evan Hebert. Prayer booklets are available.

Raffle Ticket: Shelley Istre reported that current tickets sold are 1,836 with the remaining 164 tickets unsold. Shelley noted that of these unsold tickets, some were lost and there was a demand from potential buyers that exceeded the current supply. After discussion, a motion was made by Lacey Guidry and seconded by Heidi Courville to source additional tickets to accommodate the demand. Motion passed. For the members who are able to attend the raffle drawing, Cabrini Hall will be opened at 9:00 AM to set up. Members were reminded that ticket turn in should be no later than July 10th for the July 12th drawing.

Back to School Drive Update: Marlene Dronet provided an update on the back-to-school supply drive, reporting that \$1,960 worth of supplies had been collected. Melissa Guidry will contact the principal of Kaplan Elementary and Marlene Dronet will contact the principal of Maltrait to get a count of kindergarten through fourth grade students for each school and obtain names for our teacher drawings.

Committee Assignment Sheets: Ariana Pommier distributed assignment sheets for upcoming projects. Members were asked to review committee interests and sign up by the next meeting in August, with the caveat that previous chairpersons would have the first option to retain their roles.

Membership Dues Increase: Lacey Guidry and the board discussed increasing annual membership dues from \$24 to \$30 to account for rising national dues and to cover costs for members who are unable to pay. After discussing the impact on the membership, a motion was made by Cynthia Vincent and seconded by Marlene Broussard to raise the dues to \$26 instead of \$30. Motion passed.

Budget Review and Youth Ministry: The proposed 2027 fiscal budget was presented to members for review, provide feedback or propose changes. Discussion was held concerning the Steubenville Retreat and Youth Ministry donations. It was agreed that we would continue to hold bake sales to fund youth participation. It was noted that while the fundraising is a "wash" financially, it remains a necessary part of the budget process. The 2027 budget will be voted upon at our August meeting.

Angel of Charity Golden Award: Lacy Guidry announced that the organization received the Angel of Charity Golden Award, which recognized our \$13,220.79 in charitable donations for 2025.

St. Anne's Feast Day: Ariana Pommier announced that the closing of the novena for St. Anne's feast day would be held on July 26th at St. John's in Henry at 3 p.m., conducted by Father Manny, with books available for those interested in participating.

Remote Meeting Option: The board proposed implementing a Google Meet option for future meetings to allow members who are unable to be physically present to join remotely. They planned to embed the link in future meeting minutes or distribute it via Flock Note. Also, this will be posted on our Facebook page to make members aware of this option.

Calendar Fundraiser Proposal: Lacy Guidry introduced a potential 30-day calendar fundraiser, where participants select a day and donate the corresponding dollar amount. A drawing of the names of each person who purchased a day or days in the calendar would be held, with that person winning a prize (to be determined later). The board presented this as a simple, low-effort method to increase funds for future projects. A motion was made by Sandra Hebert and seconded by Amy Broussard to add the calendar fundraiser to our 2027 calendar of events.

Marion Landry advised members that she had brought several books to the meetings, which are available to anyone who would like to take some.

Upcoming Events, Reminders, Announcements, Daily Rosary Assignments, and Birthdays (See printed page given to each member)

Ariana Pommier, Financial Secretary, pointed members to a list of dates for the months of July, August, and September.

Conclusion:

Door Prizes:

Door prize winners: Pam Gaspard, Ariana Pommier and Cynthia Vincent.

Meeting was adjourned through motion by Pam Gaspard and seconded by Shelly Istre. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Pam Gaspard, Recording Secretary
July 8, 2026
Adopted with as written