MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29 — Skype call with TNII, 10am.

Sunday, October 13 — Solidarity Walk at SJA. All are invited, especially families — watch for details.

Attendees: Nancy, Rick, Mary, Meghan, Rita, Judy, Karen O, Paul, Patricia, Louise, Sarah, Cathy, Luis, Jason, Julie

Meghan opened with reflection and prayer.

N and S Current Events

North:
• Three state judges on a North Carolina trial court just did what a majority on the United States Supreme Court said was impossible only a few months ago — apply well-established legal standards to strike down some of the most egregious partisan gerrymandering in the country. (https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/04/opinion/north-carolina-gerrymandering.html)
• We are watching Hurricane Dorian and praying for the people of the Bahamas who have been so drastically impacted.
• Zamara has an art exhibit titled ‘Reclaiming our Grandmothers’ at Bloomington Center for the Arts — September 13 (opening reception 6 - 8pm) through November 3, 2019. Congratulations, Zamara!

South:
• Alejandro Giammattei of the right-wing military party, Vamos, will be the next president of Guatemala. His history and connections to former military officials and political leaders leave Guatemalan society with little confidence for change. (from NISGUA email 9/4/19))
• Bishop Alvaro Ramazzini from Huehuetenango, Guatemala was just appointed a new cardinal by Pope Francis. He is a public advocate for justice, particularly among the country’s indigenous population. Karen knows him and holds him in high esteem.

Recent Church Events
• The Welcome the Stranger summer series took place with events highlighting activities and organizations that support immigrants. It was a successful week.
• The Anti-Racism summer series also happened. One event was a community discussion (including tour) about the history of racism and the movement to justice in our SJA neighborhood. People were energized.

Prayer Requests
• Indigenous Guatemalan Mam families recently protested for land & human rights in front of the Presidential House in Guatemala City. Please keep indigenous women in your prayers.
• Please pray for Alba and her family as they adjust to life without their husband and father.

Debrief of Recent S to N Delegation
• A big thanks to all who helped with and participated in the delegation events. A special thanks to Julie, our ‘champion’ at SJA, who helped make everything go so well. The group presented Julie with a signed photographic memento of the delegation as a symbol of our gratitude.
• We gathered comments on the recent delegation. We will share them with Sister Parish Inc. and keep them for our next S to N delegation. Overall we rated the delegation to be excellent. It was a fitting celebration of our 25th year of relationship with TNII.

**Approved Delegation Payments**
The committee approved delegation payments totaling $418.23 to the following people and organizations:
• Carrie Stengel - extra baggage charges: $164.40.
• Sister Parish Inc - travel insurance for delegates: $78.10.
• Delegation expenses:
  . Rosey Vogan: $66.75
  . Fred Vagle: $37.91
  . Rita Nohner: $94.77
  . Cathy Burrell: $36.12
  . Kate Casserly: $182.68

**Crafts**
• Committee was brought up to speed on un-delivered craft situation:
  . A letter was sent to TNII asking for un-delivered crafts to be finished by Nov. 10 and suggesting Oct/Nov Skype call about long-term future of craft project.
  . TNII has subsequently agreed to finish remaining crafts by Nov. 10 — they will do check-in on September 30.
  . ‘Open delegation’ participants have agreed to bring crafts back on Nov. 23.
• We voted to change Craft fair dates to Sat Nov 30 / Sun Dec 1, with back-up (if leftovers) on Sun Dec 8. This will accommodate late delivery of crafts.
• We propose to TNII a **Sunday, Nov 3 Skype call re: long-term future of craft project**, since that date has already been reserved for a Skype call. We request that TNII decides who from their committee should attend this call, and confirm that this date works for those people.

**Parish Visibility Brainstorming**
Time was short, so some of these topics were delayed until next month:
• **Solidarity Walk**: Agreed to do this — set date for Sunday, Oct 13. Planning team is Nancy, Cathy, Jason, Patricia.
• **Idea for families on Day of the Dead**: learn about Guatemalan traditions on Sunday, Nev. 3, right after family mass — lots of energy around this. We will pursue this with Zamara and Gabrielle.
• Discussion delayed: **Tamales and Movie Night** vs Other Family-friendly event
• Discussion delayed: **Educational Movie Nights**
• Finding Oscar
• Berta Cáceres Movie Co-sponsored with Ecospirits and Welcome the Stranger
• Discussion delayed: **Annual Retreat (March)**
• Discussion delayed: **Alfombra**

**Next Skype Call**
• Sunday, Sep 29 is Skype call — 10am.

**Necessary Follow-up**
**SJA:**
• Propose craft Skype call date.

**TNII:**
- Confirm proposed craft Skype date.
- Discuss ways to facilitate Bible Study (Peregrinos) communication.
- Provide Craft financial reports from 2017, 2018 and 2019 when wrapped up.

Rita closed us in prayer.