SJA Sister Parish Monthly Meeting Minutes - OCTOBER 3, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, October 13 — Solidarity Walk at SJA. All are invited — see details below.

Sunday, November 3 — Deadline to send letters to TNII. See details below.

See additional announcements below.

Attendees: Nancy, Rick, Luis, Zamara, Jason, Cathy B, Rosey, Pat, Mary, Karen, Meghan, Julie, Patricia, Paul, Cathy A.

Cathy opened with reflection and prayer.

Nov. 3 Deadline to Send Letters to TNII:
Open delegation members will be traveling to TNII and they are willing to carry letters to Guatemala. If you desire to send a greeting to your friends and prayer partners, follow these steps by Sunday, November 3:
• Include the full name of the TNII recipient (“To:”) and your full name (“From:”) on the note or envelope.
• We will translate the note into Spanish if needed, so please don’t seal it.
• Put the note in an envelope addressed to JULIE MADDEN / SISTER PARISH PRAYER PARTNERS and bring it to the front desk of the Parish Center.

N and S Current Events
North:
• The Trump administration announced that the US will accept 18,000 refugees at most over the next year, the fewest in history and down from a cap of 110,000 just two years ago.

South:
• The new president is getting ready to take office.
• Forest fires have been occurring in the east of Guatemala.

Recent Church Events / Community Sharing
• SJA is involved in One Body, an archdiocesan effort to bring parishioners and churches together about immigration. One initiative was to re-tweet the pope re: support of immigrants.
• SJA hosted Shir Tikvah Synagogue for Rosh Hashanah, which marks the start of the Jewish High Holy Days leading up to Yom Kippur. This is due to a shortage of space at their synagogue.
• Most recent Skype call (SJA/TNII) on September 29 — discussed health & well-being of TNII community.

Prayer Requests
• Marleny is asking for prayers for continuing back and nerve issues.
• Jesus, Pedro’s father, is still in the hospital.
• Pati and Francisco celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on September 22nd. Congratulations!
• Prayers for Rosey - her surgery will happen soon.
• Sister Mary Hasbrouck (SJA parishioner and prayer partner of Edna in TNII) passed away in September. She was a strong woman of faith who advocated for justice and was one of the founders of WAMM. She will be sadly missed by many.

Solidarity Walk
• Join us in a brief time of reflection, prayer and song on Sunday, October 13 after the 11am mass. Come together as a community and show love and solidarity with our sisters and brothers in TNII.
• Volunteers will table after the 9am and 11am masses to get signatures on our banner, which will be taken to TNII in November.
• Sister Parish members in Guatemala will be participating in a march in November.

Encountering Christ in Sister Parish Relationships
• Everyone is invited to attend this year's event on October 26th, 9:00-12:00 at Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina.
• This is an annual conference held by the Archdiocesan Parish Partnership team (APPT) to share ideas about international partnerships.
• Meghan will be part of a panel discussion and the Cespedes-Schueller family will provide music!
• To register, click here.

2019 Christmas Party Proposal
• On December 1, this youth-run party will be held for 230 children and will have a super-hero movie theme — “A super Christmas with Jesus.”
• Committee approved sending $793.89 ($778.33 + $15.56 2% SP admin fee) to Sister Parish for the party.

Finances
• Mary sent thank-you notes to the person who made a donation in honor of Jason’s mom, who recently passed away.
• The cost of the 2018 N to S delegation this year was $7481. Information only.

Topic of Cultural Appropriation
We had discussion about textiles and clothing, and being sensitive about wearing and appropriating indigenous fabrics, esp. when representing our relationship with TNII. Traditional indigenous clothing is considered sacred by indigenous people. We want to continue this discussion and understand it more deeply — it’s a bigger conversation that needs to be on-going. Skype call topic? In the meantime, we agreed not to wear ponchos at SJA SP events.

Parish Visibility Brainstorming for 2019/20
• Day of the Dead & Family mass on Sunday, Nov. 3 — Gabrielle is planning to highlight Day of the Dead traditions from Central America at family masses (9:45 and 11:45am). She is proposing to incorporate a book at family mass, about a child and grandfather’s tradition of making kites. Ways we can help: Making kite in advance, attending family mass, being visible in vestibule area, bringing pix of our Sister Parish people who have passed away. (Coordinate with Meghan.)
• Tamales & Movie Night — Discussed separating movie from Tamales night. On hold for now.
• Educational Movie Nights — Part of our mission to educate and inform. Want to do one, but early 2020.
• Potential Education Topics — Climate change and coffee (partner with Eco-spirits?); Cultural appropriation (partner with Anti-racism group?).
• Annual Retreat — Just had retreat with delegation, so will wait until March or so.
• Alfombra — Discontinue it for this year due to lack of volunteers to lead it.

North to South Delegation 2020
Need to pick date. Leaning toward August. We will speak to interested parties and will set informational meeting after November meeting.

Announcements
• October 21st - Berta Cáceres Movie Co-sponsored by Ecospirits and Welcome the Stranger. Parallel themes to Guatemala. At Welcome Center - 6:30 to 8:30.
• November 3 - 10AM, Craft Sub-committee Skype Call.

Necessary Follow-up
SJA:
- Send Christmas party funding.
  *TNII:*
- Confirm Nov. 3 proposed craft Skype date.
- Discuss ways to facilitate Bible Study (Peregrinos) communication.
- Provide Craft financial reports from 2017, 2018 and 2019 when wrapped up.

Cathy closed us in prayer.