SJA Sister Parish Monthly Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2020

Attendees: Nancy, Mary, Anne, Karen, Pat, Cathy, Meghan, Michael, Mindy, Paul, Rick, Julie, Jason, Patricia, Luis, Rita, Tica

Cathy A. led us in prayer and reflection.

Recent Current Events

South:
• Over 4100 Guatemalan immigrants were deported last month from U.S. back to Guatemala.
• Some Guatemalans are a bit more optimistic that change will happen with new President. However, we will see if core issues around corruption will be impacted.

Recent Church and Community Events

• Miriam, Michael and Mindy have birthdays this month. We celebrate all of you!
• In Minnesota, the weather has been so mild that lakes aren’t freezing properly. On some lakes used for ice fishing, cars are going through the ice.
• At SJA, we had a beautiful celebration of Martin Luther King day.
• The new Executive Director of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, Veena Iyer, spoke at SJA about how new immigration laws are exacerbating the separation of families.

Prayer Requests

• Pray for Alba, Marleny, Maximina, Paty & Vidali’s mom and family, Carlos and Sandra, Maria (broken toe), Mindy (broken collarbone). We hold you all in our hearts and ask that God’s blessings and grace surround you.

Craft Report

• The SJA craft sub-committee met and prepared a recommendation for the 2020 craft order. We will have a smaller fair this year. This is a decision for 2020 and we will revisit it in 2021. We are currently working with the TNII craft group to finalize craft items.
• We approved the 2020 craft fair dates: Sunday November 22, with back-up date of 11/29 if needed. Will try to include a family mass.
• The TNII folks who will help with crafts this year: Albertina, Johana, Ariel Evelio, Mary, Eluvia, Pedro, Miriam, Eluvia, maybe Paul. Thank you all!!

Planning for 2020 N to S Delegation Visit

• January 19 information meeting took place — four new people came to get information.
• Application deadline is Feb. 19. Then final date will be decided.

Skype Call Plans and Budget for 2020

• Skype call at 10am on Feb 9 with TNII, in Upper Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, February 9 — Skype Call with our friends in Guatemala; 10am in Upper Room.

Monday, February 17 — Cultural Humility: A Dialogue; 6:30pm in Hospitality Hall; all are welcome.

See additional announcements below.
• Will be two Skype contacts in TNII this year. They will work together on Skype coordination.
• We will address the budget next month.

Cultural Humility: A Dialogue on February 17
• Set for Monday, Feb 17 at 6:30pm in Hospitality Hall. Moderated by Mike Rios of Catholic Charities' Office for Social Justice. Open to the whole parish.
• Format will be examples, stories, across multiple ministries at SJA. If you have stories and examples, send them in advance to Julie Madden - by Monday.
• Anne volunteered to take notes and share with TNII for further conversations. Julie will ask for input from TNII on their recent conversations.

Financial Approvals
We are pleased to provide funding for the good work done in TNII to support the community:

Youth Scholarships
• Committee approved $1608.75 plus 2% admin fee of $32.18 = $1640.93 for second half of school year 2020.

Women’s Group Project
• Committee approved $1564.00 + 2% SP admin fee of $31.28 for a total $1,595.28 for the full year of 2020. Note: The amount approved for the Women’s group at the 2/5/20 committee meeting was subsequently changed based on a vote by the executive committee, because a revised request (still under budget) was received after the meeting. This change was done to facilitate getting the funds to TNII in a timely manner and will be further approved by the full SP Committee at the March meeting.

Youth Outreach Opportunities
• We’ve been invited to have a discussion with 11th and 12th grade youth. Topic is open, but should include solidarity.
• Need to pick a date, possibly March 15?
• Volunteers include Julie, Meghan, Tica, possibly Daniluz.
• Suggestions: Ask Daniluz for input. Do something interactive with group rather than ‘presentation’ such as activities, exercise, discussion.

Annual Sister Parish Retreat
• Date is Saturday, April 4.
• Planning committee: Rita, Patricia, Anne, possibly Cathy B.
• Mary will check for venue.

Announcements
• Invitation to join SP board of directors. They are looking for new board members. As part of discernment process, come to May 3 board meeting in Shoreview, MN.
• Sister Parish Inc. is hiring new U.S. Regional Coordinator. Part-time, home-based administrative and communications position with flexible hours. It is posted on sisterparish.org.
• Volunteer for prayers at next meeting is Karen O. Nancy will do minutes.

Necessary Follow-up
SJA:
- Delegation travel dates.
TNII:
- Discuss ways to facilitate Bible Study (Peregrinos) communication.
Provide Craft financial reports from 2017.

Cathy led us in closing reflection.