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Wednesday, June 8th, 2017

Members Present: Patricia, Neil, Laura, Silver, Mike, Brendan, Rebecca, Josefa, Tim and Susie, Susan V., Connie, and Francesca

Blessing & Simple Dinner: Laura—soup, Silver—bread, Francesca—birthday cake

Welcome, Thank You, and Goals: Patricia (Continue to Develop Faith Filled Community) **Opening Prayer:** Tim and Susie
Prayer Intentions from SH Bulletin Parish Service Members/Pastoral Care and Personal: All

Vigil: Laura led the Vigil Prayer which Frank wrote. She noted that we will join in prayer with our pilgrims, Neil and Patricia, at 7:30 PM each evening starting on 6/9 and ending on 6/19, 2017.

Poverty Incorporated (Documentary—90 Minutes): Brendan showed the third 30 minutes of “Poverty Incorporated” which is a documentary that illustrates that charitable giving and donating has had the opposite effect on the economy, health, and individual work ethic/pride in his/her work. Different countries around the world are illustrated. **Brendan asked 2 questions to keep in mind during the third section of the documentary:** 1. How does justice in the courts and the rule of law harm and help the poor? 2. Take a moment to contemplate the phrase “We all have a heart for the poor. What we need is a mind for the poor.” How does making the poor our partners alleviate poverty? Patricia added that Dr. Lupton, author of Toxic Charity and Charity Detox, spoke about this documentary during his presentation at the 2016 Go Beyond Conference held on June 4, 2016 in Richmond. Neil and Patricia also explained how funds from SH go to SG and other efforts to have “seed” money (alternatives to bank loans) available so the poor can start their own business. Will be continued at future meetings. If you wish to watch “Poverty Inc.”, please contact Brendan. If you want to read Dr. Lupton’s books, contact Neil or SH Office. Books are also available at VA Bch and Norfolk Public Libraries. DVD at VA Bch Public Library.

Good News: Laura shared the good news from both parishes.

- There were several birthdays in June at SHP and SGP
- 6/4/2017—Pentecost.
- 6/11/2017—Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.
- 6/16/2017—Father Bernard’s Anniversary of Ordination
- 6/26/2017—Father Ady’s Anniversary of Ordination
- 6/9-19/2017—17th Pilgrimage to SG
- 6/18/2017 and 6/25/2017—Father’s Day in USA and Haiti respectively
- 6/23/2017—Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (SH’s Feast Day)
- 6/24/2017—Nativity of St. John the Baptist.

8th Sacred Heart Parish Annual Golf Tournament (Fri., Aug. 11, 2017)/Play Fore The Parishes: Neil updated the members on the upcoming Sacred Heart Golf Tournament which is used to raise money for St. Gabriel Cafeteria Fund and about 15 local charities in our area including Ghent Area Ministry, NEST, Soup Kitchen, Catholic Workers, SH Youth Group, etc. Planning is going well.

- Neil reviewed the various ways HTM members and supporters can help with inviting golfers, and looking for sponsors at the different levels. He noted that he sent 75 letters to previous donors and others asking for sponsorship. He passed around the letter that is sent to all donors which explains the purpose and donation levels. **Still needs sponsors.**
- Patricia is the coordinator for In Memory Of/In Honor Of Sponsorship Level. **She is half way to her goal** and requests the members and/or their families/friends/coworkers to think about donating. Contact Patricia.
- Patricia is also in charge of the Goodie Bags for golfers. She needs: single serving size bags of peanuts, single snack crackers (e.g., Lance), small bags of crackers (e.g., Gold Fish and Cheezit Crackers), pens, hard individually wrapped candy, any item golfers love (nonfood), etc. **Please contact her for more details.**
- Frank is the raffle coordinator and needs members and other donors to donate gift cards to local cafés/restaurants (Starbucks, Panera, etc.), services (e.g., beauty salons, hotel rooms, etc.), golf items as a raffle prize. He also wants to have two gift baskets (wine (2 red, 2 white, marinated mushrooms, marinated artichokes, crackers, almonds, mixed, nuts) and coffee (2 bags of Haitian Fair Trade coffee, gift card to Starbucks, gift card to Fair Grounds, biscotti) and thanked the members who have donated item(s) to the baskets. The following items are still needed for the baskets: crackers, almonds (can), and mixed nuts (can). Also additional bottles of wine would be helpful. After the May meeting, the sign up list was emailed to Frank and members who volunteered to donate. During the June meeting the signup sheet was passed around with updates on which items have been



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donated and turned in. The updated list was emailed to Frank and members post meeting. **Contact Frank to coordinate donation to baskets or donating other items.**

- Pat Walsh, volunteer coordinator will contact volunteers as needed.
- **Contact Neil if you wish to have a letter sent to a possible sponsor or donor or for more information.** Also, check the SH Bulletins and SH web site.

Preparation for Pilgrimage to St. Gabriel (June 9-19, 2017): Patricia announced she and Neil leave Friday for the next pilgrimage to St. Gabriel. Fr. Ady and Fr. Facius (assistant) are ready to welcome the pilgrims. If you are interested in going this time or next time, please contact Patricia. Patricia and Neil will discuss the annual theme with Father Ady and which fund he wants the SH fund raisers to assist with. Also, the pilgrims will do Liturgy of the Hours and the readings from the Daily Roman Missal. They will witness 70 children who receive their First Holy Communion. Patricia noted Sister Anita, long time SG parishioner, is getting better and she will bring TWS student-made friendship notes to the SG School students.

- Also, Fr. Ady has asked for more lap top computers (St. Patrick, TWS and community) and thumb drives (for his teachers). The pilgrims will bring what has been donated. **HTM will continue to accept donations.**
- Josefa also asked the members for rosaries (second hand OK if in good condition) and holy cards. The rosaries and holy cards will be given to Fr. Ady to help him with evangelization. Currently, their diocese does not have funds to purchase these holy items. Please place the donated rosaries and holy cards in the HTM mailbox by the Blow Street door or give them to Josefa. The pilgrims will bring what has been donated. **HTM will continue to accept donations.**
- Patricia noted that part of her preparation for the pilgrimage is to slow down in her daily activities and go to a quiet place to pray. To reflect on where she sees Jesus in our neighbors here and there. **In solidarity with our pilgrims, we will pray at 7:30 PM each evening from 6/9 to 6/19.**

Administration:

- **HTM Goals FY 17-18 and List of Members' Responsibilities:** Laura noted that she and Patricia wrote the goals for FY 17-18 which Patricia emailed to HTM members prior to the June meeting. The goals are relationship and faith based to show SH and SG maturing partnership. Laura noted they also are updating the List of Members' Responsibilities which Laura will email to members prior to the July meeting. Please read and submit comments or updates to Laura and Patricia.
- **Scrap Book**—Rebecca updated the Haiti Scrap Book and showed it to the members. She took over the responsibility from Susan Daniel.
- **Pen Pal Manual**—Francesca noted that Patricia made notes on Pen Pal biographies during each pilgrimage. Together they update the manual and lists (sorted by Haitian and American Pen Pals respectively) prior to the June Pilgrimage. The Pen Pal Manual was passed to members for review.
- **Annual Thank You Note Report and Rosaries/Holy Cards Collection**—Josefa showed the report of donors that she has sent thank you notes to. She showed the donated rosaries and holy cards which the pilgrims will bring to Father Ady.
- **RSVP to HTM Meetings:** Francesca reminded members to please RSVP to Patricia and Laura for each meeting.

Announcement:

3rd Annual Tap Tap Craft Beer Festival, www.TapTapFest.org, Aug 19th, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Contact Neil for more information.

Closing Prayer: Susie and Tim



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Next Meetings

Wed. July 19: Soup-Josefa, Bread-Silver, Prayers-Francesca, Wed. Aug 9, Wed. Sept. 6
Mass 5:30 pm (check bulletin), Simple Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 pm-8:00 pm—Guests are welcome!