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Haiti Twinning Ministry Minutes



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Wednesday, July 18th, 2018

Members present: Patricia Britz, Neil Walsh, Josefa Rojo-Hassett, Silver Ibenye, Susie Clapham, and Francesca Smith

Supportive Members and Guests: Ashley, Libby, and Brady Snowden and Raynald David

Blessing & Simple Dinner: Susie--soup, Francesca--bread, Ashley--cake

Welcome, Thank You, & Meeting Goals: Patricia (1st meeting of the Fiscal Year 18-19) **Opening Prayer:** Patricia **Prayer**

Intentions: All. **Joint Vision:** Libby

Good News: Susie shared the good news from both parishes:

- There were several birthdays in July at Sacred Heart Parish (SHP) and Saint Gabriel Parish (SGP)
- 7/4/2018—Independence Day for USA.
- 7/6/2018—Wedding of Brendan and Emily
- End of National Exams and Report Cards at SG School and in Haiti.
- 7/15/2018—Father Paul’s 18th Anniversary of Ordination
- 7/19/2018—Remembrance of Father Kauffmann’s 42nd Anniversary of Ordination
- 7/22/2018—15th Anniversary of Voix/Voice Terrestres Choir at SG.
- 7/21—Mike Stark’s Birthday
- 7/29/2017—25th Anniversary of Flambeau de l’Espoir/Hope Choir at SG.

Book Study in the Fall--To Fool the Rain-Haiti’s Poor and Their Pathway to a Better Life by Steven Werlin who works for Fonkoze: Francesca reminded everyone that Brendan will lead the study/discussion at the Sept/Oct/Nov meetings. Please start reading it. Neil has 3 copies of this book for purchase. Francesca noted that the Norfolk and VA Beach Public Libraries do not have a copy.

19th Pilgrimage (Summer) Pilgrims Stories and Pictures (June 8-18, 2018): Patricia and Neil shared their reflections, stories and pictures. (All are welcome to these pilgrimages. Pilgrims cover their own travel/housing costs. Fr. Ady is the host at the rectory.)

- **Spirituality/Faith:** Patricia highlighted--starting with retreat, blessing by Father Paul/Father Ady, slowing down/leaving current life behind, disconnect with internet, Daily Mass, attended Father Rigal’s mother’s funeral, attended First Communion Mass for 31 children who wore our rosaries in the procession of the Eucharistic donations including fruits and vegetables with hymns, dances, and prayers; pilgrims’ daily reading and reflection; post retreat and blessing. Fri. Rosary and adoration.
- **Friendship:** Patricia--visited Pen Pals and letter delivery; lunch at Pierrot’s family’s; listened to stories, plans, dreams; deepened mutual relationship with Fr. Ady; teacher reciprocity (TWS notes to their counterpart class at SG), delivering of friendship cards/learning puzzles/Legos; visited Mr. André, Head of School; walks to the market place before 10 am to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- **Father Ady’s Projects:** Neil reviewed the funds SH has for SG: Staff Fund, Lunch Fund, Scholarship Fund, Medical Assistance Fund, and Building & Furnishing Fund. He noted the country has improved roads and other infrastructure. The church and rectory have plumbing and electricity. It generates some rental income: the 1st floor has a hall for wedding receptions, etc. and 3rd floor has the radio station, computer lab, and guest quarters. SG is focusing on Project Education to get high school students to think about what is next: trade school, university, etc. and will there be jobs for them depending on what path the student selects? Skilled trade crafts will be needed. Projects completed and other progress with & without our help :
 1. Added 3 more classrooms on 2nd floor which can be opened up to become an auditorium over the new cafeteria;
 2. Added new restrooms to SG School Clinic;
 3. SG students can now eat a meal in dignity in the new cafeteria;
 4. Established SGP computer lab to help people learn basic computer skills. SGP charges a minimal fee to participate.

9th Annual Play Fore the Parishes: A Swing and a Prayer Charity Golf Tournament Fri., Aug. 10, 2018, Sewells Point Golf Course, Registration/Lunch at Noon, Shotgun at 1:00 P.M.: Neil provided some updates—Need golfers, raffle prizes, hole sponsors, etc. See SH Bulletin. Please remember the following:

- **Purpose:** The 2018 Parish Golf Tournament benefits SH Church, its Ministries, Local Community Outreach Programs, and St. Gabriel Parish, Haiti.
- **How You Can Help:** Please consider donating or obtaining donations In Memory of/Honor of (contact Patricia), and/or



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finding sponsors for a Hole or Tournament or Beverage Cart or Lunch Sponsor (contact Neil). **Also, gift cards from restaurants, coffee/tea cafés, services, bottles of wine, and golf items (books, balls, etc.) are needed for the raffle,** (contact Ashley/Patricia). Letters to businesses have been sent. **Participate as a golfer and bring a friend.**

- **For more information:** Contact Neil and check the SH bulletins and website.

FY 2018-2019 Goals 3 and 4: Patricia noted that with William they completed the evaluation of the 10 Goals for FY 17-18 by May 1. The 2018-2019 goals were prepared and submitted by June 1. Patricia and attendees read Goals 3 and 4: Continue Informing and Communicating with SH Parishioners and the Larger Community and Sustain Active Membership (12 members and 7 supporting individuals) respectively.

Annual Haiti Gathering for the Eastern Vicariate at St. Gregory the Great Church in Virginia Beach, VA—Theme: Job Development/Vocation: Francesca reminded the members of the **upcoming gathering will be on 9/29/2018**, members are encouraged to attend and join the 20 other parishes that are twinned with a parish in Haiti in our Eastern Region to network, update, and learn. These are fun and informative events. **RSVP to Patricia by 9/21.**

Administration:

- **Thank Notes**—Josefa said everything is going well. Cards and notes are sent regularly.
- **Scrap Book and Birthday Cards**—In Sept. Susie will update Golf Tournament Scrap Book with pictures from the 2018 Tournament and June Pilgrimage. Also birthday cards are going well.
- **Website**—Silver noted he is loading the updated articles, and new pictures.

Announcements:

- **4th Annual Tap Tap Craft Beer Festival—Benefit Maison Fortune**, www.TapTapFest.org, Aug 11th, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. See website for more information.
- **SH Summer Sizzler Program will be on Wednesdays in August.** Neil said they will be based on Pope Francis’s film, **A Man of His Word**. Check the SH Bulletin and website for more information.

Action Items:

- Please continue to donate rosaries, holy cards and medals by placing the items in the box located on the Haiti Twinning Ministry credenza in the SH Commons. See Josefa.
- Read To Fool the Rain book for book study starting in Sept.

Closing Prayers from God is No Stranger: Haitian Creole and English— Silver and Raynald.

Next HTM Meetings, All are welcome!

Tues, Aug 7th, (not Wed. 8th) Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 7:00-8:30 PM (Soup-Brendan, Bread-William, Prayers-Susie
Wed, Sept 5th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM
Wed, Oct 10th, Simple Dinner 6:30PM, Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM

Wed. Mass at 5:30 PM (check bulletin), Adoration 6:00, Simple Dinner 6:30

See calendar on next page.

Wed. 7/18/2018	Haiti Twinning Ministry: Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm-- Commons
Tues. 8/07/18	Haiti Twinning Ministry: Simple Dinner 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm-- Commons



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9/03/18 (TBC)	St. Gabriel Middle/High School & Fr. Jacques Bloch School, 1st Day of School
Wed. 9/05/18	Haiti Twinning Ministry: Simple Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:00 pm-8:30 pm--Commons
Sun. 9/23/18	5:00pm-7:00pm Parish Pilgrims' Return Presentation with Potluck
22-28 Sep	Parish Haiti Solidarity Week
29-Sep	Haiti Twinning Regional Gathering, Saint Gregory, 8:30 am-2:00 pm