**Strangers No Longer Zoom Meeting: February 21, 2023**

(When a Part 1 zoom meeting expired, a Part 2 was generated and meeting continued)

**Attendance:**  Rose Pikor, Donna Fiona, Mary Lou LaTorre, Cyndi Malow **,** Pat Boland-Saoud,

Sue Johnston, Kathy Best, Pat Watanabe, Julie Watanabe, Sr. Martha, Donna Nesbitt and Earon De LaCruz.

We welcomed Earon De LaCruz as our newest member.

**Opening Prayer:**  Pat Watanabe

**Update:** The Drive Safe Advocacy meeting is to be held in Lansing on February 28th. Registration can be made on line.

**Christian Service Report:** Cyndi e-mailed us a copy of the last minutes from the 2/16/2023 meeting. All accepted the minutes.

**New Business:**

* On Jan. 26, Michelle sent in our SNL dues payment paid by Fr. Mike.
* Super Bowl of Caring gave SNL $1000 from their collection. Our fund now has

 $1978.29. Claudia promotes us to always use the money given to us by her group.

* Julie stated that Deacon Franz was looking for someone to take part in “The Washing of the Feet” on Holy Thursday. Kathy Best offered if he can’t find someone.

**Lenten Communion Service:**

* Our SNL group will host it on March 23rd at 7PM
* Sr. Val will coordinate the music to be performed. Some of the children will take part in a Question and Answer segment. Sr. Val will like Santos to work with the children in this Q and A segment.
* Mary Lou generated the Prayers for the service with Rose helping with some of the editing. These include the Introduction, Prayers of the Faithful, and the Closing Prayer.
* We assigned various parts of the service to be performed by each of the members in our group.
* Discussion was had on how to coordinate invitations to other churches. Julie will contact Deacon Franz to see if we can list in the Bulletin, all the various organizations at St. Michael which will present their specific Communion Services including their dates.

**Easter Basket Project:**

* Children from the ages of 13-17 will receive an Easter bag with a chocolate bunny,

Jelly beans and a $25 gift card. Julie has already shopped for these teenagers. All other children will receive an Easter basket using a material 12” cube and cellophane.

There are 23 baskets left to have donated. Cyndi received a money donation of $150 and will use that to be 3 baskets. We will ask Claudia when the youth group meeting room is available for putting them together. The deadline for donations is March 25.

**Luncheon Fundraiser:**  April 23rd Pat Watanabe reported.

* Amy Katner has worked with Pat in trying to incorporate using older children from another parish to help with navigating the luncheon. These children will need adults to come with them to help monitor them. They could be used to escort people to their seats, help serve drinks, clean up, etc. We discussed having lunch supplied for them (pizza? Or?) since they will be there for approximately 4 hours.
* Tables: There will be 40 tables. Each parish gets either one or two tables. Our SNL group will have 2 tables reserved for us. We discussed asking which of those in the Mujeres group may need help in purchasing their tickets. We can help those with difficulty in buying tickets. The children with the Mujeres adults will be coming also, so we need to allow extra tables to accommodate them. Sr. Martha mentioned that Bill O’Brien wishes for the Mujeres group to attend.
* The tickets will be $30. We will have 20 tickets reserved for us for 2 tables.
* Cyndi reported on confirmed baskets from donors. There are many. Our group is going to decide on what the theme for ours will be by taking a survey Julie will e-mail us.
* Pat W. displayed the table decorations ( wine bottles with inside lights, etc.) Some of us have volunteered to meet at Pat W.’s house to put 40 center pieces together on April 15.

**Next Meeting/Opening and Closing Prayer: TBD.** (Our Lenten Service in on March 23rd)