**Strangers No Longer Zoom Meeting: October 24th at 7:00PM**

**Attendance:**  Julie Watanabe, Pat Watanabe, Earon-Mrie DeLaCruz, Sue Johnston,

Mary Lou LaTorre, Cyndi Malow, Donna Nesbitt, Rose Pikor, Watoii Rabii, Carol Schroeder

**Opening Prayer:**  Sue

**Stranger No Longer Updates:**

* The second annual Assembly for Human Dignity will be held at the same place as last year, the Union Carpenters and Millwrights Skilled Training Center in Detroit on December 1st. The time hasn’t been decided yet.
* The SNL Advocacy team members delivered an op-ed from former state representative Dave Pagel to the state legislators on October 4th. They went up to Lansing to the Capitol and knocked on doors personally handing out the op-ed. Julie has sent us a copy of the op-ed piece to read.
* The Advocacy team is asking SNL members to contact local county sheriffs or city police chiefs to ask for letters of support for the Drive Safe Bills. Rose gave a report on a meeting with the Sterling Heights Chief of Police along with representative Nate Shannon, Bill O”Brien, Pat Boland-Saoud and Father Randy from

 St. Blase. There appears to be a lot of misinformation about the Drive Safe Bills which is making some skeptical. We will continue to work with getting more backing by various agencies to support the Bill.

**Fundraiser Luncheon:**

* Pat W. gave a report. There is not a place or date set yet. Bill O’Brien had previously wanted to change the venue to hold more people, but now is talking about holding it at the same place as last year. He may want it in April. Pat W. will give us updates as she receives them.

**Christian Service Minutes:**

* Cyndi has sent us the minutes via e-mail and has nothing else to add.

**Christmas Stocking Project:**

* All the stockings have been adopted. We will meet in the youth group room (10-1) on Saturday, December 9th to assemble them. There will be extra bags available if needed.

**Giving Tree Tags:**

* This is a Parish project. If taking part, we could consider taking a tag related to SNL.

**Holiday Food Boxes:**

* This is a Parish-wide project. SNL has asked Claudia for 40 food boxes. Twenty will go to the Mujeres Group and 20 will go to Sister Val. Sister Val has asked that white rice and pinto beans (dry or canned) be added to the boxes and Claudia said that would be fine. The Food Boxes will be scheduled for December. Julie is going to contribute 40 bags of pinto beans as her donation. This is not the same as the Thanksgiving Food Credit cards which are being collected by Christian Service. Those are due on Nov. 12th.

**Educational Speaker:**

* There is a facility in Matamoros which assists asylum seekers. Sister Val is going to try to find an IHM English speaking Sister to possibly have a zoom meeting with us educating us about asylum seekers.

**Peace Garden Pavers;**

* We decided to buy a paver from SNL to be placed in the garden. There are 4x8 sizes ($150) or 8x8 ($200). We have decided to each individually donate for the paver.

Deadline for Fall is Nov. 6th. We decided to not wait until the Spring installation. Any extra monies donated will be put into our funds. Julie will investigate and update.

**Bahkita House:**

* Christ the King parish in Detroit is housing three asylum families with 3 one year olds in a former rectory house. They are looking for diaper donations. We talked about donating from our Ladder Fund. Julie will ask Michelle how much is left in our SNL funds.

We spent $220 on our gym shoe donation. Julie said that $200 -$250 would be agreeable. Claudia will also give us another donation from her February Super Bowl of Caring. We discussed generating a gift card. Julie will work with Michelle on the donation.

**Next Meeting:**  November 21st at 7:00. (Zoom)

Agenda: Julie Minutes: Rose Opening Prayer: Carol S. Closing Prayer: Rose

Communications with Kathy Chadick (bulletin): Julie

Communication with Michelle Hayes (Facebook): Fiona