

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: APR 11, 2022

Location: Mission House

Facilitator: Brian Stefan-Szittai

Note-taker: Brenna Davis

Prayer: Dick Weber

Previous meeting of the full committee: MAR 14 2022

Next meetings:

APR 11, 6:30pm. facilitator: Claire Foley. prayer: Kate Campbell. notetaker: Brenna Davis

MAY 9, 6:30pm: facilitator: Kate Campbell . prayer: Brian Stefan-Szittai notetaker: Denise Rowland

June 13 Facilitator: Dick. Prayer: Mary Grace. Notes: Brian

Jul 11

Aug 8

Sep 12

Oct 10

Creation Care: striving to be a parish where the culture is love and care for God's creation

Attendance today	Affiliation	Name	Phone	email
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present	parishioner	Mary Grace DeStefanis		sadie12252@aol.com
present	parishioner	Brian Stefan-Szittai		brian@irtfcleveland.org
	parishioner	Jared Bartley		Jbartley216@gmail.com
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St Pat's Creation Care - MINUTES – April 11, 2022

Agenda:

1. NEORSD Grant for storm water diversion

Possible designers

- Christina Znidarsic

Action Step:

- Follow-up with Jared at May 9th Meeting

2. Parish Facilities and Grounds (envisioning the grounds)

a. Action Steps:

- i. Judy will talk with Fr Gurnick after Easter about follow-up meeting
- ii. Jared will ask Brian Jecker to ask if Judy and Jared can attend the facilities meeting
- iii. Draft blueprint to May meeting
 1. Claire, Brenna, and Paul
 2. General design: Paul
 3. Judy will come up with ten plants that bloom at different times
 4. Brenna will reach out to Fr. Gurnick right after Easter
 5. Brenna will reach out to Laura Fratus for input
 6. Terry Bush & Josh Stinson need to be in on the location conversation

3. Victory Knoll Grant for Kateri Garden

a. Judy wrote out the draft grant proposal for the native plants

b. Action Steps:

- i. Judy will email it to Brenna
- ii. Brenna will add language about the Kateri Garden
- iii. Grant deadline is May 5. Awards \$1,000-\$75,000

4. Review of Lenten calendar reflections

- Glowing reviews
- Relocation of bulletin announcements from Creation Care could go under PARISH LIFE (not under the community events)
- Announcement at the end of mass
- 2023: Can the printed calendar as an insert one of the Sundays at the beginning of Lent
 - Passing them out is a good way to connect with people
- Don't just leave them on the back table
- Brian did a great job with the content in the bulletin

5. Litter pilgrimages (monthly, organized by churches in the West Side Creation Care Team)

- April 23: Brian volunteers to lead. Kate will bring the prayer
- Gloves and bags (Mary Grace will bring them)
- W 49th & Herman at 10am

6. Meet & Greets

- Can we mention Creation Care at meet and greet meetings for new parishioners?

7. Earth Day Weekend (Apr 23/24) Seed Distribution (Denise)

- Judy's Creation Care board display at main doors of the church
- Progress on the seed packets
 - Milkweed seeds from Hummingbird Project (Brian)
 - Seeds need to be put into 150 packets
 - Brian, Mary Grace, and Dick help
 - Monday, April 18 at Brian's @ 10am
 - Thursday, April 14: Dick and Mary Grace will help at 10am
 - Will verbally tell people that Creation Care team is passing them out

Seed Distribution Schedule

Saturday, April 23 @ 4:30 mass

- Denise
- Mary Grace
- Paul

Sunday, April 24 @ 8:30

- Brian and Jared

Sunday, April 24 @ 11

- Dick, Kate, and Judy

Action Steps:

- Seeds will be left in the back confessional by Brian on Friday Apr 22
- Judy will bring Creation Care display board for card table on Saturday

8. Coffee and Donuts in June (Mary Grace & Denise)

- Raffle off composters
- Sunday, June 19? (Father's Day)
- Sign up at next meeting
- **Action Step:**
 - Everyone give \$5 to Mary Grace
 - Raffle Tickets from Brian
 - Mary Grace will reach out to Christy with the date
 - Mary Grace will write up the description
 - **May 8th: Goal for weekly bulletin announcements**
 - Brian will submit once we have the date
 - Will submit for website as well

9. WSCCT Attendance (third Wednesdays, 7pm via Zoom)

- April 20: Mary Grace
- May 18: Paul
- June 15: Brian

**10. Upcoming Meeting facilitation for Creation Care
May 9**

Facilitator: Kate
Prayer: Brian
Notes: Denise

June 13 (Outside meeting: Lower hall- rain location)

Facilitator: Dick
Prayer: Mary Grace
Notes: Brian

11. **Stations of the Cross Review** (March 23 Lament for Creation event hosted at St Pat's, organized by WSCCT)
- Positive reviews
 - Could have been a bit more related to creation care
 - It wasn't a lamentation, which was the name of the program
 - Lamentation is that we need help- focus on our part in the devastation
 - Good turnout, especially St. Pat's people
12. **Laudato Si Action Platform Survey (Brian)**
- We need to meet again
 - We haven't asked the parish to sign on to the LSAP
 - Somebody need to keep prodding us
 - Are there any parents who are active with parish school or religion
 - How do we bring in new folks?
 - <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
13. **Laudato Si Action Plan/Study Group (TABLED FOR NOW)**
- Brian has an idea about getting a wider community involved
 - Young parents with kids in religious education
 - <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
14. **Spruce Up/ Flower Beds Maintenance (Judy)**
- We need to have a conversation with facilities committee
 - Maybe Creation Care can have one spring and one fall day of clean-up
 - At the next joint facilities meeting:
 - Need to ask who is going to care for the grounds around the Mission House
 - If Judy and Laura had not been proactive, who would have maintained the space.
 - Do we need a landscaping person?
 - **Action Steps:**
 - **Judy will reach out to Fr. Gurnick about this issue**