

**Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church**

Meeting: date: May 9, 2022

Location: Mission House

Facilitator: Kate Campbell

Note-taker: Denise Rowland

Prayer: Brian Stefan-Szittai

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Previous meeting of the full committee: APR 11 2022

Next meetings:

June 13 Facilitator: Dick Weber. Prayer: Mary Grace DeStefanis. Notes: Brian Stefan-Szittai

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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## St Pat's Creation Care - MINUTES – May 9, 2022

Opening prayer: Silent meditation on beauty of reawakening spring glory (Brian)

Review of minutes from April 11 meeting: <https://stpatrickbridge.org/archives/#creationcare>

### 1. Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) grant for storm water diversion (Jared)

- request for proposal not posted yet.
- list of contractors for designing, Christina Znidarsic (Davey Resource Group) among them. Jared will ask Father Gurnick if he knows of any parishioners who do this kind of landscape architect work. (St. Casmir presented to our group in June 2021 and told us they used Bramhall Engineering & Surveying Company in Avon).
- grant writers will make decisions about assessment and designer folks and ask them to make nice renderings to present to other parish stakeholders involved.
- Jared will continue to keep track of proposal dates and report progress at June meeting.
- Jared will ask Father Gurnick and Scott Menningen if we can informally put out a request for quotes or if there is a more formal process we need to us
- Jared gave us pamphlet Green Infrastructure Pays: the what, why, and how-to of green stormwater strategies for commercial properties”

### 2. Parish Facilities and Grounds coordination.

- Facilities Committee, chaired by Brian Jecker [BJecker@gmail.com](mailto:BJecker@gmail.com), meets third Wednesday of the month, 3-4:30pm.
- Brian told Jared and Judy that they could meet with the committee
- there was also a joint meeting of Facilities, Restoration, and Finance that Judy and Jared attended early this year. Judy will update us at the next meeting about whether that joint meeting is happening again

### 3. Kateri Garden (Brenna)

- Brenna submitted grant application (\$1,000) to Victory Knoll to plant a pollinator/native plant garden somewhere on the campus that is not immediately adjacent to the church building (e.g., in a bump out in the west parking lot) . Father Gurnick gave her permission to submit the application with his email as the contact. Father Gurnick told us not get our hopes up this year.

### 4. Laudato Si Action Platform (7 goals, 7 sectors, 7 years) (Brenna)

- Brenna presented history of the action platform <http://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>, which was launched on World Day of the Poor, November 14, 2021

-told us about the plan from Diocese of Atlanta <https://archatl.com/laudato-si/> authored by students and faculty at University of Georgia (see pdfs in separate email from Brenna).

-there is a webpage for parishes to register their plans to meet the goals of the platform:

<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/register/> . The three main components are self-assessment, reflection, action platform.

From the enrollment webpage: ...commit to crafting your own Laudato Si' Plan. Enrolled participants have access to helpful resources to support the journey.

- Planning Guides created in collaboration with leading Catholic organizations offer a clear framework to reflect, act, and evaluate your progress towards the Laudato Si' Goals
- Suggested actions, developed in collaboration with expert advisors and Catholic leaders, offer practical ways to make real progress towards the vision of Laudato Si'
- Direct contact with a community of peers and leading Catholic organizations offers inspiration and accompaniment
- An annual self-assessment offers a way to clearly see and measure your progress from year to year

- thoughts included communication, conversations, education with parishioners. How do we engage parishioners?

-Brian suggested that we take one of the seven goals each month for 7 months for parish to reflect on. First goal: "Cry of the Earth" (Brian will send an email with greater details). We could discuss the goal at the monthly Creation Care meeting, then decide how to present the question/ reflection/action to the whole parish during the subsequent month, with e-news alerts and perhaps a survey on the website. This action plan idea would be on June agenda and begin with the parish in July.

### **5. Coffee and Hospitality**

-June 19, after 8:30 and 11am Masses (Father's Day).

-Mary Grace will organize it. Will write up announcement and give to Brian for parish bulletin and e-news.

-raffle : Brian will bring tickets to raffle off a composter (free raffle; winner need be present)

-\$5 : each of us will contribute \$5 to Mary Grace to cover the cost of the composter

-Judy will bring poster display

-Mary Grace will purchase fruit, use treats that are in cupboard in the lower hall of the Club Building.

### **6. June meeting agenda**

June 13. (Meet outside weather permitting)

Facilitator: Dick. Prayer: Mary Grace (and Kate based on 1st action plan goal)

notes: Brian

-Report on West Side Creation Care Team meetings

May 18 mtg (Mary Grace). June 15 mtg: Brian

-Judy/Jared: report on facilities meeting from May 18.

Jared: update on NEORS D grant

-Plan the Kick off of St. Patrick's Laudato Si' action plan in July, introducing one goal a month.

-Mary Grace to solidify details for Coffee and Hospitality June 19.

-Involvement in Parish Picnic (date?)

-Kateri Garden update?

-next meetings, sign up for roles of facilitator, prayer, note taker (July, Aug, Sept )