

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: Mar 13, 2023

Location: Faith Formation room – Club Building

See minutes of previous meetings archived at <https://stpatrickbridge.org/creation-care/>

Contact us at Creation.Care@stpatrickbridge.org

Previous meeting of the full committee: Feb 13, 2023

Next meeting: Apr 10 2023

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

St Pat's Creation Care - MINUTES – MAR 13, 2023

Minutes for March 13, 2023 Creation Care Ministry Meeting

Present: J. Opalach, J. Bartley, Bill Merriman, D. Weber, M. DeStefanis, D. Rowland,
P Kapczuk, B. Stefan-Szittai

Opening Prayer: D. Weber – Ecological Spirituality Reflection: On Earth As It Is In Heaven

On-Going Updates:

1. Sewer District Grant NEORS

Update by Jared about the February meeting. The diocese needs to figure out who will sign for the grant as the property owner. Could they check with how it was done for previous parishes receiving?

Grant is retroactive to January. Jared will meet with Scott and Fr. Gurnick about the grant status. Brenna volunteered to do a write-up when needed.

On Earth Day at Coffee and Donuts, if the grant status is clarified, we could include information in our display.

2. Parish Solar Panels

Scott and Fr. Gurnick will be contacted to gain information and to remind of the available options by our representative on parish council.

3. Facilities Committee contact

Not known if the Facility Plan includes the grant planning. Brenna and Jared will stay in touch with Scott as the grant unfolds. Judy is ensuring that Scott is receiving our minutes.

4. Kateri Garden

Scott has either traced that the grant money has been received or an email received concerning the grant. Brenna will write up a grant update when needed to report to the grantee concerning use of grant.

5. Meeting with Hunger Center coordinators

Reducing use of one-time use tableware was discussed by Bill with Harvey who coordinates the Hunger Center. Further kitchen remodeling is still under consideration by the Facilities Committee.

Harvey needs someone to separate and pick up cans. Harvey sees it as a lot of work for minor benefit.

Suggestion was made to discuss with the parish staff their concerns about increasing recycling. Does our staff care to reduce the quantity of waste?

Another suggestion was to write to St. Vincent de Paul Society to find out their interest in advocating for waste reduction with the parish programs: e.g., using paper cups to replace water bottles, and stopping use of styrofoam.

6. Showing Pope Francis' "The Letter"

Judy emailed Jeff Campbell about presenting the movie. We brainstormed about location and promotion. Brian mentioned that Pilgrim Church has a theater. Bill will bring the Deanery list.

Each of us is to bring a list of 3 entities to contact to promote the showing. Mary Grace will do research for writing a letter of invitation for the entities identified for contacting to attend.

7. Westside Creation Care involvement plans

March 19 was the date of the Lament Station of the Cross at St. Christopher. Brian rewrote five of the stations.

Brian and Mary Grace discussed attending the 3rd Wed of the month meeting on April 19th.

Kate will pick April 22 for the next Litter Pilgrimage. She will publicize it as usual

8. Earth Day plans

To host the weekend after mass hospitality for Earth Day we planned each of us signing up to work different times. We would use mugs that Brenna and Brian can provide and other reusable supplies to be an example of preferred action. We plan to have up displays as previous. Mary Grace will plan additional activities. Judy will provide information about Bank boycotting.

9. Lenten Calendar Distribution

We reviewed the recent successful distribution of our Lenten Calendars after masses at the beginning of Lent.

10. Laudato Si bulletin inserts for Goals 5, 6 & 7

Brian has copies of all of the seven written goals and will adapt them into a consistent format. He proposed that we discuss at our next meeting how we want to utilize them.

11. DSAO Lenten Series

Mary Grace and Dick planned to attend the Zoom presentations if possible.

12. Tree Plantings at St. Patrick

We encouraged anyone interested to connect with the Cleveland Tree Coalition meeting on March 28th to participate in their process of developing a city master plan for tree planting through community engagement. This can inform our parish tree planting plans.

13. Monitoring NOACA's Climate Action Plan

Dick offered to monitor this planning process to present to our committee.

14. Creation Care Festival

We agreed that we would like to develop another program during the Parish Picnic as we previously have.

15. **Living Stones** church renovation discussion on April 26th could include input from us as the Creation Care Team. Further discuss at our April 10th meeting.

16. April 10 meeting: Dick facilitates, Kate does prayer, Brenna takes notes.