

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church
Meeting: date: November 13, 2023
Location: Faith Formation room – Club Building

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

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Previous meeting of the full committee: Oct 9, 2023

Next meeting: social gathering on Wed., Dec 13

TONIGHT:

facilitate: Mary Grace DeStefanis

notes: Claire Foley

Prayer: Jared Bartley

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

Members who committed to doing something for the item are highlighted in yellow under each agenda item.

I. Updates/Feedback/Responses

- A. Kateri Garden – Blessing/Maintenance/News – Bench/Statue (Claire Foley/Judy O)**
 - a. discussion about signage for garden
 - b. register as a St. Kateri site/pollinator highway (Judy O.)
 - c. continue working with parish to locate bench/statue
 - d. Homework: **Jared** – get sample signage; **Judy** – research with which organizations we should register the garden (e.g. pollinator highway, Kateri Habitats); **Claire** – talk to Fr Gurnick about the statue and bench and signage
- B. NEORS - Sewer Grant (Jared Bartley)**
 - a. Environmental Design Group (EDG) has started doing field tests and survey work that will eventually inform some of the design work.
 - b. Meeting between Scott, **Brenna, Jared** and EDG will happen at the end of November.
 - c. Design will be completed by the spring.
 - d. Next grant for construction will be due in September 2024. If we are awarded money, construction would begin in Spring 2025.
- C. October Litter Pilgrimage (Kate Campbell)**
 - a. Kate attended. 12 people attended, including some from the Sisters of St. Joseph. It took place at St Colman. The Nov 11 litter pilgrimage was organized by Calvary Reformed Church and met at the park at W 75th and Madison
- D. Westside Creation Care Team meeting and Thanksgiving potluck (MG)**
 - a. There is a potluck this Wednesday, we are all invited. It will be at St. Paul's community church at 7pm. **Mary Grace and Brian** will go.
 - b. Discussion about the situation where CMSD and the City entered a land swap agreement to build a new school on Cudell Park. It would involve taking down old trees. There is a lawsuit going on to stop the construction and preserve the park.

- c. Judy went to the rally at the Ohio Statehouse for Ohio nature and democracy. About 100 people attended. Lots of discussion about gerrymandering, as it will impact decision-making about fracking.
- E. Assisting and Extending Our Learning to Other Churches (MG)
 - a. Brian and Mary Grace would like to share about some of our successes with other parishes or other neighborhood organizations.
 - b. Mary Grace has drafted a letter; **Brian and Mary Grace** will finalize it and reach out to west side churches
 - c. Dick suggests that we create a presentation to share about process, successes (e.g., holding zero-waste events). **Brian** can write the text if someone else can do the graphics
- F. Collecting Recyclables CSJ Event (Judy O)
 - a. Congregation of St Joseph and associates held an electronics recycling event that was very successful.
 - b. We might think about replicating the event in the Spring.
- G. Evangelical Environmental Network address at Mitchell's on November 3 (attended: Paul, Mary Grace, Brian)
 - a. Evangelical Environmental Network had an event with Mitchell's ice cream, and gave an address.
- H. Ignatian Solidarity Network (Brenna)
- I. Trees (Bill)
 - a. Bill has been talking with Urban Forestry; had the tree lawn surveyed on Whitman, and they said that we can plant larger trees on the that street.
 - b. Recommended medium sized trees on W. 38th because of overhead utility lines
 - c. Urban Forestry will arrange a site visit to determine the best species of trees. **Bill** will meet with them

II. New Business

- A. Pollinator Certificate Training Zoom (Kate Campbell)
- B. November Litter Pilgrimage – was held Nov 11 at W 75th and Madison; there are no litter pilgrimages scheduled for Dec-Jan-Feb
- C. West Side Creation Care Team meeting representative
 - a. **Brian** will go in November
 - b. **Kate** will go in Dec.
 - c. **Mary Grace** will go in Jan.
- D. December Social Gathering for St Pat's Creation Care Team
 - a. Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 6pm – Guanaquitas #2 (at the old Big Egg, 5107 Detroit Ave). **Denise** will call them to make sure they know we're planning on this: 216 331 2542
- E. Laudate Deum Study – led by **Dick**. Will present more at next meeting in January
- F. January 8, 2024 Meeting
 - a. Facilitator – Claire
 - b. Prayer – Denise
 - c. Notetaker - Brian

