

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: April 15, 2024

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: Mar 11, 2024

Next meeting of the full committee: May 13, 2024

TONIGHT:

facilitate: Judy Opalach

notes: Claire Foley

prayer: Mary Grace DeStefanis

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

Minutes – April 15, 2024

Opening prayer, Mary Grace

Finalize Earth Day Coffee and Fellowship: See notes from last meeting.

Brian: all is well. Snacks, donuts taken care of. Will bring a tablecloth for the serving table, nametags, Creation Cares sign-up sheet, copies of the Laudate Deum w/ QR code, and raffle tickets.

Mary Grace, Denise; Judy have raffle items for all three masses. The large picture of the earth will be raffled separately. Judy; Denise will bring display boards. Denise will bring Earth Day flag.

Judy has postcards for people to send to their legislators.

Seeds: Will pass out at mass.

Mary Grace may send petitions to Bill M., Fr. Gurnick, and Fr. Hollis.

NEORSD grant: Jared

No updates. Will check in with Scott and update us before next month if any news.

Kateri Garden (Brenna point person for Claire)

Bench, statue were sent to Scott, who will run them by Fr. Gurnick. We'll need to cement them into the ground somehow.

Brenna will pick a date for the spring workday: April 27, May 4, or May 11.

Will need to purchase and install edging for the garden. Maybe bricks? Jared will ask his father-in-law to look into feasibility.

Will need to do a weeding/watering schedule in May.

Signage: Claire will get the Kateri Habitat sign. Jared will look into signage about benefits of native plants.

Litter Pilgrimage: Kate. April 20, 10 AM. Report back.

Will be at 49 th and Herman at 10am. Bring bags, gloves.

CSJ Grant Money available, \$2,500.

Judy: grant money available, potentially for expansion to the garden, or other stuff like recycle bin.

Speakers: How to declutter your home

Judy met two women who do lectures on how to declutter home. May be alternative to recycling education.

Solar Power. Where do we stand?

Other issues

-Judy sent a link to a video about Beyond Plastic organization. We need to get away from looking at recycling, especially for plastic – rather, emphasize reducing waste in general.

-Brian: meal program is temporarily on hiatus. St. Vincent de Paul doesn't have a timeline for restarting the meal program.

-Dishwasher – discuss next month.

St. Patrick website - Creation Care is not showing up on the website.

Next meeting, May 13. Chair: Jared, Note Taker: Brenna Prayer: Dick

Closing Prayer