

Creation Care Team at St Patrick's Church

Meeting: date: OCT 14, 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: Sep 9, 2024

Next meeting of the full committee: Nov 11, 2024

TONIGHT:

facilitate: Jared Bartley

notes: Dick Weber

prayer: Bill Merriman

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

Creation Care Meeting

OCT 14, 2024

Attendance: Brenna Davis, Denise Rowland, Judy Opalach, Paul Kapczuk, Kate Campbell, Bill Merriman, Jared Bartley, Dick Weber, Brian Stefan-Szittai

1. Opening Prayer – Bill Merriman

2. Season of Creation – Review of Activities

- Our weekly bulletin messaged printed and petitions were read
- Display looked good and some literature was picked up
- People expressed appreciation for our activities
- Raffle and outdoor blessing had good participation
- 2025 event planning and themes
 - 800th anniversary of St. Francis's "Canticle of Creation"
 - 10th anniversary of Laudate Si encyclical
 - Jubilee celebrations for both with theme of "Pilgrims of Hope"
 - Display St. Francis banner for Season of Creation
 - Include S.O.C. recognition in opening procession and presentation of the gifts
 - "Pilgrims of Hope" theme to inspire making local pilgrimages and other activities
 - Pope Francis's letter of the Jubilee: "Hope doesn't disappoint"
 - A goal: to let creation care guide our routine personal, community, and institutional practices

3. NEORS Grant Update

- Jared reported that
 - * we've received an extension to apply for the construction grant for next year
 - * Bob is our point person now at NEORS
 - * Meeting scheduled for 10/20/24 for Facilities Committee with Jared to reaffirm project planning

4. Kateri Garden

- Jared passed around proposed signage for "St. Patrick Church St. Kateri Garden"
- Mary Grace reported Fr. Gurnick verbally approved of the sign with Kateri's image the Judy obtained
- Brian offered to provide green posts for mounting the signs
- Discussed our uncertainty and frustration with delays in installing a bench and statue
- Decided against adding signage with explanations for choices of native and pollinator plants

-Discussed garden winter prep work needed

5. Parish Council Volunteering

- We discussed the announced request for applicants for the council and members interest in applying
- Bill Merriman is an advocate for Creation Care on the council now
- Brenna wished that she'd had a chance for input on the council's change of weekday for their meeting

6. En-ROADS On-line Climate Solutions Simulator Workshop

- scheduled for 10/19/24 at St. Patricks
- Jeff Campbell and Brenna are facilitating
- Participation encouraged, fliers on-line sign-up available
- Judy recommends having done it several times herself
- plan to address at our November meeting

7. Review our Goals and Objectives

Address this in our November meeting

8. Litter Pilgrimages and encouraging Compostable Dishware in the parish and beyond

- Kate reported on declining participation in the past year so we discussed discontinuing scheduling
- Brainstormed ways to spread use of compostable dishware in our parish and to share out knowledge and sources
- Christy Bartley could provide us with a schedule of upcoming parish events whose organizers we could offer to assist in using compostables for any food items served

9. Meeting roles 11-11-24 1-13-25

- Facilitator: Kate Dick
- Note-taker: Brenna Judy
- Prayer: Mary Grace Kate

December 9: Christmas Dinner Celebration

Next meeting: NOV 11 2024

facilitate: Kate
notes: Brenna or Brian
prayer: Mary Grace

-adjourned 8:05pm