

Green Committee Minutes

Date: 5/23/2011

Place: Pastoral Center, Conference Room 1

Attendants: Katia, Laura, Paul, Eleanor

No agenda was prepared – life after Walt Lundin's re-retirement.

Current active members: Katia, Ann, Gerard, Paul, John, Laisz, Eleanor, Laarni, Laura.

A book (The Great Disruption by Paul Gilding) and a video (Ingredients by Docurama Films) were introduced.

We went through a list of on-going projects:

Katia is working with **Facilities and Maintenance** Committee to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish. For the past year, with a goal of reducing the total emissions by 5 percent, we actually reduced our CO2 emissions by 12.5 percent. The biggest gainer is through reductions in electricity use; this was achieved by changes, such as CFLs, LED Exit signs, motion detectors, and timers. Still to do:

- how to control thermostats (lock box? Timer? Programmables?)

- weather stripping all doors

- checking insulation

- OLR Stove replacement

- SAG: Gymnasium stove replacement

- STA: someone tried to donate same style stove to STA but we refused it because of pilot lights using too much gas and creating too much heat 24/7.

Keep up the **Green Corner** (Katia).

Z.W.I.P. – still need to keep educating parishioners at different sites and different masses, ministries, events. Laura can only monitor the 9am and 10:30am Sunday Masses at OLR.

Another **Bike-to-Mass** event, maybe do a survey to see how many parishioners routinely bike to church at each site for each Mass.

Can also organize a **bike ride** to somewhere one Sunday (Shoreline park?).

Evaluation of **Spirituality Tuesday Assembly** of "Food Choices": we did very well but attendance was disappointing. Without clergy's active support, few people came.

SESS – had all lights replaced with energy saving bulbs for FREE, utilizing rebate program from the city.

ISP – will have all windows changed to double-paned over summer to save on energy bill. Since parish shares the monthly utility bills, we reap half the benefits without paying for anything. The whole parish may consider follow ISP's example, if we have the budget.

Next meeting – We decided to go back to the fourth Tuesday in order that Ann can join us. Will be on June 28th, at Pastoral Center (Laura to book).