

Minutes of the Green Committee meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014.

Hello Everyone,

We had a great meeting on Monday. Paul, Rosemary, Eleanor, Ann, and Katia were present.

1. We developed further the bulletin insert for distribution the Sunday (March 2) before Ash Wednesday (March 5) with the weekly suggestions. The attached file has a draft for everyone to review and comment. Please send me your inputs for content, style, (maybe graphics?) in the next few days. It looks like it will need to be double-sided.

Along with this insert, Rosemary suggested we should reinforce them with weekly pulpit prayers of the faithful. Rosemary is planning on preparing the petitions and submitting to Nora to be recited at all weekly Masses during Lent.

We also agreed that we will hand out the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch pocket guides at the Masses. Ann is ordering them for us. To make sure we cover all the Masses, we need to assign individuals to specific Masses.

Eleanor volunteered to take a look at the documentary "A Place at the Table" which is currently shown on the Sixth Week.

2. Paul reported on the Social Day for Justice workshop to be held on March 22. The workshop will be Deanery-wide with about 200 people expected. It will be held at SESS auditorium from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with about 6 to 8 workshops. Gerard is planing to lead a workshop representing the Green Committee. At the meeting we agreed that the topic: "How to Start a Parish Green Committee" would be helpful. We will help Gerard with the content and handouts. Rosemary suggested a handout which she will prepare.

For the content ideas we came up with the following:

- Our annual and semi-annual action reports
- Photos of our past activities such as the free cycle events, water tasting, recycling sorting game, etc
- Bike, walk, skate to Mass photo
- Fair Trade events
- Photos of Laura's Zero Waste posters and recycle/compost bins for parish events
- Info on the World Centric supplies for social events (compostable utensils, cups, plates, napkins) www.worldcentric.org

3. Affordable food for everyone - Paul brought the newspaper article, "Hunger in Silicon Valley: Bringing healthy food to poor communities is a challenge," written by Leslie Gray, an associate professor at Santa Clara U. in the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences which we discussed. We explored different ways that we could become involved. This issue may become worse with the drought. We agreed that inviting Leslie Gray to our next scheduled Spirituality Tuesday (next fall) would be a good way to learn more about how we can assist.

Our next meeting will be on Feb 24, at 7:30 pm at the Pastoral Center.

Peace and blessings,
Katia