

Green Committee Minutes

Date: 2/26/2012 **Place:** Pastoral Center Upstairs Library **Attendants:** Katia, Laisz, Laura, Paul, Ann, Gerard, Eleanor

Faith Sharing:

Prayer for Green Committee, submitted by Elizabeth Fitting, distributed by Katia, read by all.

Katia presented to the committee a cleverly arranged table listing our "Accomplishments and Projects" to put the St. Francis Pledge into action. These minutes have been written with reference to that.

Pray

Item 1 - Ongoing submissions by Katia.

Learn

Item 1 – St. Francis' Pledge on Earth Day April 22, may have short video to run during homily. Diocese website has very good resources, we can adopt individual components, e.g. swap meets, water, energy etc.

Item 5 – Cool Congregations Workshop on Feb 11, Katia, Laura & Eleanor attended. Inspirational stories of how cool congregations were started in Iowa by 3 mothers. Tools for starting green team in parish (we already did), and helping parishioners measure and reduce their carbon footprint – can be turned into a "Tuesday assembly" some day.

New item – a talk on Mar 21 on the cause of Climate Change

Assess

Item 2 – Katia to get data for 4th quarter of 2011 from Chuck, then she can graph one more quarter's worth of results.

Item 3 – Chuck and Katia will go to Phase II meeting on 2/28, maybe also 3/6 and 3/13. Will not have enough time this year, need to decide on location by 3/31, financial analysis by 4/30, contract signed by 5/31 and work to start in June. SESS needs new roof first, costing \$200K. Best location – OLR? May need to hire consultant to do initial analysis, or put out a call in bulletin to form a task force. This will just be our learning year.

Act

Item 1 – suggest to Hispanic and Community Life to see if two of the Thomas House ovens are good enough. Larry and Katia took measurements in OLR kitchen to make sure old stove can be removed without dismantling kitchen island. May need to take out oven doors.

Item 2 – EcoHome Ribbon Cutting, April 21, 2pm

Advocate

Item 5 – Green Corner – ongoing, was too late to post a Lenten "green" calendar, will do it next year

Item 6 – Spirituality Tuesday on "Simple Living" – Gerard to try engaging Dr. Pamela Bjorklund of Santa Clara U or Cecilia Andrews of Simplicity Circle, Paul to check with CA Interfaith Power and Light, Laura to collect Lent 4.5 leaflets from Thomas Merton in case we need to combine efforts to put together the presentation ourselves (we will recommend parish wide adoption next year). Hold off the bulletin blurb to Bev Wade until we have speaker

Item 7 – Keystone XL pipeline proposal was rejected by President Obama, for now, at least (Yay!)

Item 8 – Laura and/or Laisz to submit pictures from picnic for website (size to be under 1 Mb each)

Additional items:

Green Certification – Eleanor to research some more and report at next meeting

Next meeting: Pastoral Center Upstairs Library, March 26th, 7:30pm

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