

## Green Committee Minutes

**Date:** 5/29/2012 **Place:** Pastoral Center Downstairs **Attendants:** Katia, Laura, Paul, Laisz, Gerard.

### Faith Sharing:

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

Katia finished book on "Voluntary Simplicity", brought copy of Time Magazine (Apr 2012) with article "Truth About Oil" (Laura took home)

Katia emailed to the committee an updated version of our "Accomplishments and Projects". These minutes have been written with reference to that.

### Pray

Item 1 – Prayers of the Faithful -- ongoing submission by Katia, when appropriate

### Learn

Item 1 – Tony Strawa of Diocese advised Gerard to submit all sign-ups for forwarding to Washington D.C. Laura to scan and email, hiding contact info and showing only names and zip codes.

Item 7 – book talk: Cooler Smarter – Practical Steps, Katia attended at World Centric, speaker from Florida, belong to Union of Concerned Scientists, but no new ideas since Californians already so green, two useful sites: HYPERLINK "http://www.ucsusa.org" [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org), HYPERLINK "http://www.coolersmarter.org" [www.coolersmarter.org](http://www.coolersmarter.org) .

### Assess

Item 2 – Parish carbon footprint -- comparing 2009 to 2011. Using data from the city's utilities website, Katia prepared new reports, showing that while our reduction is very effective from 2009 to 2010, the rate has slowed down from 2010 to 2011, because all "low hanging fruits" have been picked. No improvement in water usage after first year, when we stopped watering the grounds behind Dermody Center. Most useful measures: setting thermostats, closing doors, Fr. Matt going around turning off lights, changing light bulbs. Newest measure, consolidate 2 old freezers in DC into one Energy Star model. Trust that the Bldg & Maint. Comm. will be conscious of energy/water conservation without being pushed by Green Committee.

Item 3 – Solar panels – info for the possible sites has been submitted to Ian Able, data will be evaluated and recommendations to come soon, if not in time for Phase II, can be part of Phase III or even IV, Fr. Matt really wants to see it done, no upfront costs, even if only moderate savings on utility costs (dependent on the city's rate structures). Potential problem: SESS roof need repairs first, costing \$200K. Expansion of ISP may interrupt the plan.

### Act

Item 1 – OLR stove replacement – Jerry took advantage of Paul's suggestion and went to see stove sample. Got better understanding and made the decision to go ahead, still a bit concerned about complete gas shut off and oven pilot lights, was sure it is already the best solution available and big improvement over current model. Asked Chuck to place deposit and order stove. Not sure about which vendor and whether we have trade-in offers for old model.

Item 4 – "Absolutely Free" Market at picnic – good reception at PSC, can use child size picnic tables on other half of playground, need good signs to designate tables for Toys, CD's, Books, Art Supplies, Tools, Small Appliances, Videos. Must mention on

picnic flyer, tell people to take home what is left but allow people to leave early and we will take them to Goodwill or EPA ecumenical hunger program. Books can be sent to prison thru one parishioner. First limit to SIX items to be taken by each family, then all you can take after 2pm.

Item 7 – recruiting new members. Laura send to Katia list of parishioners' names and contact info from St. Francis Pledge sign-ups. Let's also try inviting clergy – Fr. Matt, Randy, Peter and Deacon Daniel to join us for a few meetings (one year trial membership?)

Item 8 – reporting to PSC. Currently no regular schedule. Laura (as HCC rep) will ask for one chance to report per year. Will prepare the annual report due on July 15, using the St. Francis pledge format again.

Next meeting: **Pastoral Center**, June 25, 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 7:30pm

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