

Date: 11/28/2011

Place: Pastoral Center Upstairs Library

Attendance: Katia, Laisz, Laura, Paul

Faith Sharing:

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

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 – Katia continues to send petitions to Nora for Sunday Masses

Learn

Item 1 – Gerard was absent from the meeting so we have no update yet on what is happening with Diocese Green initiative.

Item 4 – We cut down 2 apple trees at Pastoral center and 2 more at STA site so according to a previous pledge, should replace with 8 more. We are getting advice from Canopy program on what trees to plant at various sites. The only spot that is public and therefore qualify for a FREE tree from the city is in front of pastoral center. Various possibilities were discussed – spruce (too big), Chinese elms (too big), plum (too messy), oaks (too slow) etc.

Assess

Item 1 – Laura to try and meet with principal to discuss ways we can help to implement green practices – double pane windows, caulking, insulation, indoor waste sorting, energy audit etc.

Item 2 – Katia presented to the group colorful and informative charts to show our accomplishments.

Item 3 – Paul collected some info and will connect with Ted Baer who also did some research previously. Price has come down considerably with options for no upfront costs. We have many buildings and each has different roof size and “pitch” and orientation towards the sun. We may need to bring architectural plans to vendor for recommendations of best site to develop. Gerard may be able to connect us to the 6 sites of existing solar projects within the Diocese so we can ask for their experience and recommendation. Laura to follow up. Katia will discuss with Bldg and Maint Committee at their Jan meeting on Jan 25th.

Act

Item 1 – Laura to collect comments from various groups using the OLR kitchen to see their requirements. A budget of \$2000 has been approved by the Bldg and Maint Committee, assuming we need 2 ovens similar to the new one installed at the newly remodeled Thomas House.

Item 2 – Laura to check with CEAP and 350.org for possible earth day events

Item 3 – Spirituality Tuesday on “Simple Living” – will start serious planning at Jan meeting. Paul and Laura each has a copy of the book “Voluntary Simplicity”, to read over the winter break. Laura to find out from parish how much we can spend as stipend for speaker, if we can find one.

Item 4 – Can consider doing some kind of swap meet within the parish. No money exchange, strictly a swap, leftovers go to Goodwill.

Advocate

Item 8 – check emails to come up with past green corner postings to put on our website, send posters, graphics etc to Paul to spruce up website, how about pictures from the picnic..etc

Next meeting: Pastoral Center Upstairs Library, Jan 23, 2012, 7:30 pm