

St. Bruno's Green Team Meeting 9/10/15 Science Room

Present: Bill Bosenbecker (chair), Jean Bosenbecker, Mary and Don Monteleone, Carol and Tom Pinter, Kathy Plaisance, Floss and Dick Whalen, Fr. Dick Mevissen

Opening Prayer: Fr. Dick

Treasurer's report given by Bill:

Contributions: \$36.+ after picnic; Carol donated extra sausages and rolls from the picnic to St. Ben's

I. **Laudato Si** accepted by the Green Team as the focus for the coming year:

Initial Resources:

Bill sent links* provided by GT members to materials available from the Catholic Climate Covenant, USCCB, and Catholic Climate Movement prior to the meeting.

Floss brought contact information on The Pastoral Center.com: Resources on Creation Care & Laudato Si

Bill: brought an article on Citizen's Climate Lobby

DISCUSSION: How to bring Education to St. Bruno's: Best to work with human concerns committees @ St. Bruno's & other parishes;

St. Paul's has a strong Human Concerns committee – we discussed how to connect with them and invite them to join us on the ground level as we are just getting started.

Fr. Dick suggested that we start with Francis' encyclical and then go on to "how to make it practical".

P: Kathy will contact Betty Igl St. Bruno's Human Concerns contact person about (Human Concerns) contacts at St. Paul's to collaborate with us in educating our parishes about Laudato Si. Then we can inform them about other GT activities and invite them to join us.

Other resources

Jean: Deb Schneider (St.James Men. Falls; Catholics for Peace and Justice) reported the Archdiocese is preparing materials- "marathon, not a sprint" –education for a number of years

P: Bosenbeckers will contact Deb Schneider about the work of the archdiocese in preparing parish study materials and also preparing school materials for our children on Laudato Si

II. **A Potential Speaker:** Steve Coleman, from St. Dennis parish in Madison is a retired engineer who has spent several years studying environmental science and Catholic Social Teaching; recommended by Jill Bedford from GO, Tall Pines. We would need a large group of people: suggested sources were St. Paul's, St. Jerome's, and other area Christian churches. Sample flyer:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0ByrvM1Kx8AxwfjVLVjRfWmt2OHpndWN6VWRpeWZMTnV0QVJ6SnN1b3lycUhqbVdWNUFvNjA&usp=sharing>

P: Bill will contact the speaker

P: Jean will be in charge of publicity & will work with Carol who has contact persons/addresses for churches

Floss mentioned that there many vibrant Christian churches who have developed environmental materials also.

III. **Prayers of the faithful** around Laudato Si. St. Bruno's - Mark Gould, Prayer and Worship Committee, has taken a significant step forward bringing Laudato Si to our parish with the prayers of the faithful and the priest's prayer following the prayers.

Kathy, our liason to Mark has sent him petitions for the prayers of the faithful – however, he has not responded back to Kathy. Carol attended a prayer and worship committee meeting to become familiar with the activities of the committee.

P: Carol will re-approach Mark and check out how we can be supportive in this area and ask if he is collaborating on Laudato Si with Peggy at St. Paul's

P: Kathy will serve as a repository of petitions for Mark

We were encouraged to verbalize our appreciation to Mark for his efforts

Father Ralph's homily last week was applauded as a solid introduction to Laudato Si.

Dick, a retired history teacher and history buff, feels that Laudato Si is excellent literature & will go down in history with documents such as the Magna Carta.

If members receive information on action items on Laudato Si before our next meeting, please forward them to Bill with a note to forward to other members of the committee. If appropriate, Bill will also put info on the Green Team website.

IV. **Open discussion**

Bill was applauded for his work doing all the barbequeing for the Green Team Picnic.

Don informed us of a news article indicating that a golf course is being planned for a wetlands area in Sheboygan.

Don also brought along petitions to the EPA to push for stronger regulations to reduce the use of pesticides.

School garden is well underway with 2 - 6x12' raised beds (6"); vegetables and flowers; mulched teaching space with 2 picnic tables. It is located in the courtyard outside the science classroom.

There may be some problems in maintaining/harvesting the garden. It was suggested that produce could be put out for 8:00 weekday mass participants. Dick and Jean offered their services to Kimberly Loppnow, science teacher for the project. Carol will give their names to Kimberly and Mary Tagget.

St. Anthony's on the Lake Parish has requested information school garden – we might suggest Connie Holzmilller.

It was decided that future meetings will begin promptly at 7:00pm and adjourn promptly at 8:30pm.

V, **Upcoming events:**

Saturday 9/12 – Hazardous waste collection in Oconomowoc; see Waukesha county.gov for details.

Monday 9/21 10am Oconomowoc Senior Center is sponsoring speaker on the Oconomowoc Watershed Project

Next Green Team meeting

2nd Thursday of October: 10/8 in the Science Room

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Tom Pinter.

Submitted by Carol Pinter

*Encyclical Resources from Catholic Climate Covenant

http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/catholic_teachings/resources

*This site includes full text of Laudato Si plus resources (videos, discussion guides,

etc.)<https://catholicclimatemovement.global/encyclical-laudato-si-on-ecology-pope-francis/>

*This site includes an interesting narrated colorful slide show of the history of the Catholic Church's stance of climate change; it does take a while to gear up.

<https://prezi.com/alrfr7z4blzu/melting-ice-mending-creation/>