

Present: Fr. Dick Mevissen, Jean and Bill Bosenbecker, Mary and Don Monteleone, Carol and Tom Pinter; Floss and Dick Whalen and Kathy Plaisance were unable to attend.

Opening prayer: Fr. Dick

Fair Trade: No word yet from 4 Corners of the World Fair Trade Store, our vendor for the Nov. 13 event; Carol will check with Mike Howden.

Donut Social: This is a new event for the Green Team to be held on January 16-17 after each of the masses. Floss designed a new members sign-up sheet to inform and invite people to join us in our mission. She was commended on her work; Bill will adjust the time of meetings to 7-8:30pm, rather than 7-9pm, will complete the editing, and will arrange for the sheets to be run off.

Materials:

Displays:

- Bill described the 4 WCGT poster displays that are available; Bill will pick up two of the displays for this January event: waste/recycling and light bulbs/energy. The remaining poster displays will be used for the April 16-7 donut social. The posters will be set up on easels or tables along the south side of the Gathering Place. (The bottled water display will be used in April, possible with a bottled water tasting.)
- Don will be providing several of his nature photo displays; he will also bring "Mulch Don't Burn".
- Bill has purchased a variety of the WCGT "One simple act" cards, each describing an easy to do environmentally friendly activity. Might we refer to this in the publicity as a "possible Lenten practice?"
- Bulletin stuffer (on green recycled paper) describing the Green team, its mission, and its past/present/future activities has been prepared by Jean and Carol. Jean and Bill will complete the editing and get the finished version to Susan to run off. Bill will purchase the recycled green paper.

Supplies:

The parish provides the donuts and juice. Carol and Tom donated 2 bags of fair trade coffee.

We will not use paper plates; we will only use napkins to cut down on waste.

Green plastic reusable coffee cups will be used; these are stored in the gym kitchen in an upper cupboard just inside and to the left of the hall door.

Bill will contact Kurt for 2 additional display tables and easels (3), as well as general set up for the event.

Workers:

Don is in charge of contacting people to work before, during and after each mass.

Sat. pm workers include Don and Mary, Bill and Jean; Sun 8am workers include Carol and Tom and Mary Pfaff (Carol will contact Mary.)

Sunday 10:30 workers include Kathy, Floss and Dick

Set-up:

Bill will check for the time we are able to set up on Saturday afternoon. He and Don will do the set up and help with the take down of displays on Sunday.

Carol will check with Betty about coming to make coffee Sat. pm and for the time required for a dishwasher cycle. We will use the dishwasher unless there are only a small number of cups.

Workers will bring their own dishtowels and take them home afterwards.

Publicity:

Jean will take care of bulletin articles and pulpit announcements with Susan.

Laudato Si

Will start Feb 14 and continue for 5 successive Sundays between Sunday masses: 9:10-10:10am. The planning team has agreed to use videos from an on-line course developed by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. The group had also reviewed the discussion guide from the USCCB website. We will use discussion questions from Fr. Thomas Reese, NCR reporter's, "[A Reader's Guide to Laudato Si'](http://incronline.org/blogs/faith-and-justice/readers-guide-laudato-si)"

- Although we decided at our last meeting to meet in the Gathering Place, tonight the group decided to start in the Parish Room and move to the Gathering Place if the numbers warrant it. Bill will calendar the two places for the event.
- Bill will take care of obtaining the a/v equipment from Eddie Phillips.

All videos are on line. Copies of 'Laudato Si' are available on line at the parish website, under the Green Team. We agreed that each weekly presentation is a "stand alone" – you don't have to attend every session. We also discussed integrating the over-all theme of mercy* (this is the Year of Mercy per Pope Francis) into the presentations and bulletin/pulpit announcements. Jean will handle publicity for the community at large as well as for St. Paul's and St. Bruno's, including the bulletin and weekly pulpit announcements.

*Fr. Dick reminded us that, "God is Mercy – not what someone does – we recognize God as Mercy and we then 'pay it forward'."

We played with developing short catchy titles for each of the sessions (in Italics).

2/14 Session 1- 19 min. video Prof Jeffrey Sachs: ***Really just a hoax?: What is Happening to Our Common Home***

2/21?? Session 2- TBD -***Gospel of creation*** – Fr. Dick Mevissen (Jean will send Father Dick a link to this presentation)

The exact date for Fr. Dick's presentation will be chosen by Fr. Dick

2/28 Session 3 – ***Don't blame the serpent: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*** –27 min (Dr. Anthony Annett)

3/6 Session 4 - ***Whose job is it anyway?: Global, National, and Local Solutions*** 22 min (Prof. Jeffrey Sachs)

3/13 Session 5 – ***ALL of us???: International Ecological conversion*** – 32 min (Dr. Wm Vendley)

-Looking forward to future meetings, we will again deviate from the usual 3rd Thursday time to accommodate needed planning for Laudato Si and will meet on Th Feb 4 7pm. We will meet in March to plan the April coffee social on Th March 17, after the last Take 5 session.

-Closing prayer – Tom Pinter. We included prayers for Phil Warned and Mark Gould.