

St. Bruno Green Team meeting, 3/17/16, 7pm in the Science Lab.

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

Opening Prayer

1. Fair Trade Fair for 2016

No word from Marya McGrath; Carol will continue to press for a confirmation of the date

2. Debrief on Take 5 – 2016

Bill thanked the committee (Dick, Floss, Kathy, and Mary) for their parts

There were 10 Non-Green Team attendees who participated actively

Future: the consensus was to “take the show on the world”, starting in our parish first

Jean has spoken to Scott Vandenhouten about a presentation to Parish council

The suggestion was made to make a presentation to the 8th graders/high school students here and perhaps suggest a project to highlight the moral aspects, such as a Guatemala commitment to clean water.

Father Dick suggested that we reduce the presentation to 15 min – possibly Ch. 1&2; he stated that he is willing to go on the road.

The idea of visiting different parishes such as St. Jerome’s, where the new pastor is very open to trying new things was suggested, as well as St. Paul’s Genesee Depot.

There was a consensus that the program was a very worthwhile project and brought each of us to a deeper exploration of the encyclical. The minor issue of being able to block out some of the light to provide better video viewing was discussed.

What might be the next step?

1-v/v the school? Sit down w both school principals of both schools, 8th grade teachers: “We have a simple program we have developed– how can we help you to do your job better?” Set meeting as a brainstorming session where we explore what part of their curriculum deals with social justice, taking care of the planet, etc.

2-Carol offered to check with the Archdiocese director of the Social Justice program for materials and ideas of how to move forward, once we are a bit more polished.

3-We agreed that we would all think about getting started and bring written suggestions to our next session for further discussion.

3. Donut Sunday –

4/17/16 is the date; Earth Day is 4/22/16

Bill will bring in the WCGT displays; one on the effect of pollution on ground water. We talked about the leaving the display up for two weeks to include Earth Day.

The idea of showing the video clip “the 12 year old who stopped the UN for 6 min.” in the Gathering Place. Tom and Carol will work on this.

We will ask Don to bring his nature photo display, as this had crowd appeal for the January event.

Bill will check to be certain that we have the space and also a TV monitor to show the video.

Handouts: Green Team activities; One Simple Act; Laudato Si Prayer; Carol will get Retzer Nature Center Pamphlets on Family Nature activities.

Carol will get an article to the school principal for the newsletter about the coffee, highlighting Earth Day and the availability of literature for Family Nature activities

Jean will contact Don about scheduling workers for the different masses.

Kathy will take care of bulletin publicity

4. We discussed incorporating the Laudato Si prayer into the prayers of the faithful especially during April (Earth Day). Kathy will talk with Fr. Chuck about this as we think he is currently writing the petitions

5. Next Meeting Thursday, April 7

5. Old/New Business

a. Kathy showed the Thank you note from the Parish Council with appreciative notes from each council member following the Green Team’s sponsoring the January donut social.

b. The Pinters mentioned that they are moving in June-July and so that the Green Team picnic will not be able to be held at their place. They will continue to be members of the Green Team.

The meeting closed with Jean reading the Laudato SI prayer.

Afterwards, Bill gave Instruction on using the Flocknote process online

Carol Pinter