

St. Bruno's Green Team

Minutes for March 16, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Bill at 7:08 pm at St. Bruno's School

Members present were Bill and Jean Bosenbecker, Don and Mary Monteleone, Floss and Dick Whalen, Mary Pfaff, Kathy Plaisance, Karen Warnes.

The members joined in "A prayer for our Earth" as the opening of the meeting.

Jean presented a video regarding the efforts made identify the methods by which some food products were organically and environmentally produced. The symbol of the "frog" was used for that id purpose in the "Follow the Frog" video. She also described the efforts of some U.S. firms to transition to good production techniques, minimizing waste and encouraging reuse and recycling so as to protect the environment. Packaging as well as the actual product needs to be considered in promoting sustainability.

Old Business

There was a brief discussion of the details and rules for recycling plastics.

There was a review and evaluation of the "Take 5" meetings held so far at St Paul's parish after the 9 am Mass. Points were made regarding the importance of encouraging the parish members to participate in the discussions, and some discussion of the time and completion of the video portion the presentation. Future program assignments were reviewed.

New Business

A rain barrel and composter auction will be held on April 1.

The public library at Sussex will host an event on solar energy on March 21, and the Wildlife in Need organization will host a Sunday Breakfast on March 19.

Also noted was the Green Alliance Sustainability Fair to be held at Lapham Peak in August.

Meeting adjourned after a prayer for the environment offered by Karen.

Respectfully submitted by Dick Whalen