

GREEN TEAM MEETING: STEERING COMMITTEE

May 21, 2009 – Diocese of San Jose

Attending: (8)

Christina Dindia, Fr. Mark Gazzingan, Bill Matthews, Fr. Brendan McGuire, Sr. Rosemary McKean, Sr. Patricia Marie Mulpeters, Andy Perrucci, Penny Warne
Chair: Fr. Brendan McGuire

Minutes:

1. Prayer – Fr. Brendan
2. Discussion of work of committees:
 - Education Committee has had one organizational meeting on April 16, 2009. Members attending were Sr. Rosemary Campi, Sr. Patricia Marie Mulpeters, Sr. Rosemary McKean, Jim Balquist, Lauren Matusich, Joy Aspenall, Susan Olsen, Joanne Artis. Co-chairs are: Lauren Matusich (lmatusich@mitty.com), and Joy Aspenall (jaea@aol.com), Secretary: Joanne Artis (ajebe@earthlink.net). Group awaits direction on their role.
 - Water Conservation Committee has had one meeting on May 20, 2009. Members attending were Mary Barry, Claire Collins, Rita and Gene Fisher, Sr. Rosemary McKean, Thomas Walsh. They discussed having rotating chair persons. Minutes of this meeting are attached below. .
 - Solar Committee has met. They need publicity information, time line. Work has started on the solar installations at several parishes.
 - Marketing Committee: Penny Warne and Anna Quinones worked on logo, ordered reusable bags, won't be ready by June 5.
 - Brendan asked for names of committee members, and that minute of meetings be sent to him.
3. Discussion of June 5 World Environment Day launch of Diocesan Green Initiative (weekend of June 6-7):
 - Primary audience: pastors, parishioners, all Catholics
 - Bishop's statement will be sent out.
 - As soon as possible after the Bishop's letter, distribute reusable bags with Diocesan logo, along with educational packet to help raise awareness of our individual eco-footprint (when available after June 5).
 - Distribute St. Francis Pledge information from CCCC, speak from pulpit.
 - Follow with 10 weeks of parish bulletin articles, prepared by Education Committee. Include water conservation, solar, etc. during the summer. Also ask homilist to speak from the pulpit.

- What do we hope to achieve? Awareness of our eco-footprint at the individual level, of impact on the environment, a sustained modification of life-style, and INVOLVEMENT; life pattern of REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.. Long range: after 2 years an environmental committee in each parish.
- See blog on ministry page of Diocesan website.

4. Discussion of reusable bag orders:

- Need to order 7,500 in order to sell for \$1 each. Brendan asked for orders at the Priest's Work Week, has 3 orders. Other pastors will be contacted in the coming week by several Team members, seeking orders of at least 500 each initially, prepaid.

5...Next steps:

- Bishop's statement, June 6 – 7
- Education Committee provide set of materials for parish bulletins, find best practices from other groups
- Build website on environmental justice (or stewardship)
- Ask cities for information on legislation being proposed or enacted
- Create our mission statement, list activities, how to measure achievements

6...Next meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 11:30 – 1:00, Holy Spirit Parish Office

Respectfully submitted:

Sisters Patricia Marie Mulpeters and Rosemary McKean