

GREEN TEAM MEETING 5-07-2015

PRESENT: Bill Bosenbecker (Chair In Absence Of Tom Pinter), Mary And Don Monteleone, Mary Pfaff, Kathy Plaisance, Carol Pinter, Floss and Dick Whalen

OPENING PRAYER: Dick Whalen

The usual protocol of old business-new business was dispensed with at Tom's request for a less formal
EVALUATION OF PAST PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES:

1-Lenten Take 5-Taking Care of the Home We Share*-

-Bill created a logo* for the series which was then incorporated into a poster, nametags and publicity cards. Dick suggested that "St. Bruno's Green Team" be added to the lower part of the logo; the group unanimously approved. Mary P. suggested that we consider t-shirts with the new logo. Creating transfers of the logo for application to T-shirts was suggested to keep costs down.

-The 5-week program ran from Feb 23 through Mar 23:

- o Feb.23 - "The Water of Life: Purity, Pollution, and availability of water in our area"-Dave Arnott
 - o Mar. 2 - " The Circle of Life: Recycling and Composting". Meribeth Sullivan
 - o Mar. 9 - "Garden Night: Starting and improving a home garden, including drip irrigation and the NEW St. Bruno's School Garden. Bring your questions! Linda Raether, Mary Taggett, Jean Bosenbecker
 - o Mar. 16 - "Leaving the Earth in better condition than we found it". Fr. Dick Mevisen
 - o Mar 23- "Start here: Buy local: Organic Gardening & Farmers' Markets", Rick Riemenschneider and Joe Carnes. **Free** copy of "Free Farm Atlas for SE Wisconsin" available
- Attendance ranged from 12-17 persons. 9 area churches and 3 newspapers were contacted; in addition, Floss provided publicity for Greener Oconomowoc and Bill notified Waukesha County Green Team. Jean Bosenbecker has ideas for alternate publicity forms for next year.

2-School garden (officially broke ground April 26)

Consensus was that we will continue to support this project; Jean has become actively involved and helped put in the initial 2 beds and space for education on April 26.

Pics-put on website? Web camera? – Carol will contact Mary Taggett

3-Church bulletin (monthly educational articles on relevant topics):

Consensus was that this is a good outreach to continue for the coming year.

Carol will check with the bulletin editor at St. Paul's-Genesee to see if they would be interested in/have room for our educational articles.

Upcoming topics:

May – Topic changed to "Collection of Unused Medications" - Mary

June – Personal Drinking Bottles – Floss

July & August –on vacation by consensus –"Watch this space"– Green Team logo

September--Hazardous materials disposal-Karen Gould

Future bulletin topics: Animals in Need

4-Co-sponsor Fair Trade Fair every other year

Consensus was to continue our support of this event due to Fair Trade's requirement of environmentally sustainable production of goods.

SUMMERTIME GT ACTIVITIES were discussed-in lieu of regular meetings during June, July & Aug.

1- the Pinters have agreed to host a picnic at their lake home on Friday, June 12. In case of

rain, Bill and Don both have rain shelters. Bill will talk to Jean about organizing the event again this year. Fr. Dick will be invited to the picnic.

2- a fish dinner at Rushing Waters Trout Farm in Palmyra with Fr. Dick Mevissen was discussed—with an alternative location at the Irish Pub in Oconomowoc. RW IS open Wed through Sundays, with reservations suggested. No reservations are taken, however for Fridays. Carol will check with Fr. Dick for his availability –date TBD.

3- GO activities: GO dinner and movie – @ Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital Bistro

May 14 (Th) “Trashed”

June 18 (Th) “Garbage Warrior”

4- Other upcoming activities (see www.waukeshacountygreenteam.org)

May 16 Unused Medication collection

May 21 “Music Under the Stars” at Retzer

May 30 “Wales Main Street Green Market”

5-A New Genesis Farm visit – north of Oconomowoc-was suggested; no consensus

OTHER IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE:

1-Given the feedback from parishioners who weren’t aware of the Green Team and its activities, a **bulletin stuffer** summarizing all the activities of the GT was suggested and endorsed – targeted for September when people are starting to get interested – Floss and Bill offered to work on this. Some past Green Team activities:

-Rectory Energy audit and how much we saved-

-Donation of composter to school for lunch scraps

-Pairing with JustFaith to sponsor the pre-holiday Fair Trade Fair

-Monthly bulletin articles on various relevant aspects of ecology: tire pressure, recycling, programmable thermostats, disposing of old medication, the school garden, personal drinking bottles, hazardous materials disposal

-Fall “Mulch Don’t Burn” focus

-Wildlife in need program (also in future, continue support & promote bkfst in late March)

2-Helping to promote the Pope’s upcoming encyclical on the environment (due out this summer), possibly through a talk or series of talks (even before Take 5)

3- Educational topics/sharing information in meetings “for the good of the cause” – anything on the web can be played on the computer in the science lab. Other things can be put on a thumb drive and be brought to the meeting and played on the computer in the science lab.

4-Face book page? -no volunteers

CONSIDERATION OF NEW PERSONS IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT TOM’S REQUEST

-Carol agreed to stay on as secretary.

-Bill agreed to handle meetings.

-Dick will handle agendas – people are encouraged to send ideas for upcoming meeting to Dick who will create and email an agenda to GT members.

A NOTE FROM ST. BRUNO’S PASTORAL COUNCIL thanking the Green Team for our Lenten Take-5 series, “Caring for the Home we Share” was received and appreciated.

CLOSING PRAYER-From the Columban Fathers -was led by Carol.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Pinter