

Creation Care Mission (CCM)

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2019

In attendance: Pat Glen, Wayne Kudick, Becky Nash, Tom O'Grady and guest Jess Reinke from Kress Center

- Meeting opened with prayer led by Pat.
- Jess Reinke, director of EH Kress Center talked about what they have done to go green. We want to use this information to help Stella Maris achieve its own goals of going Green and to create some form of resource for our congregation or committees to use when making decisions that affect the planet. Ideas Jess shared with us that the Kress has adopted:
 - Work to stop non-eco-friendly items from coming into the center.
 - Do not allow bottled water in facility; they provide paper cups and recycle receptacles for people who bring in plastic.
 - Do not allow Styrofoam; ask all caterers for events to not provide bottled water or Styrofoam. The Kress switched vendors to Boelter so they could by eco-friendly cups a case at a time. Jess provided us Boelter's price list of products.
 - Do bar service so they can control what is being used like paper straws
 - Have an approved caterer application. For people who have events or meetings, provide the leader with a list of caterers that are following green guidelines.
 - Tried composting but do not have enough volume; still working on compost plan; looking at compost tumbler; educating vendors on what they can compost in their food preparation before the event.
 - Egg Harbor green tier community where village leaders share best practices; Pat also shared about the Green Lodging Program.
 - Consider Terracycle ; company that helps recycle things that wouldn't normally be recycle such as cigarette butts.
 - They are considering WPS's NatureWise renewable energy program where you can buy renewable energy per 100 kilowatts
 - Low flow toilets did not work in the facility
 - Will be installing car chargers.
- Wayne suggested a workshop for churches regarding how to get into green.
- Group discussed future meeting dates for CCM. It was decided that it is beneficial to meet once per month and keep it as consistent as possible so others can join us. We will meet Oct. 17 and Nov. 14. Starting December 5, we will meet every 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 after the morning Mass in Sister Bay.
- Discussed communication for St. Francis Pledge. Reviewed the communication and made a couple changes to the document. Becky will make the changes and send out.
- Discussed *Paris to Pittsburgh* movie and using SMP logo. Given diverse opinions in parish, talked about focusing on creation and creating dialogue venues, rather than starting with more political-orientated presentations. Decided we could show movie to some parishioners to pre-screen the movie and ask their opinion on appropriateness for a parish-wide viewing. It would be good opportunity to engage in dialogue and maybe offer movies in the future this way.
- Giving out trees this weekend was successful. All trees were given away and most parishioners and visitors were delighted to receive them. Wayne suggested a donation could be asked for if we do this again. Pat will submit a bulletin article to say this was successful, thank people for planting a tree and say we may do next year. It is also an opportunity to invite people to CCM.

- Wayne reviewed the Catholic Climate Covenant items we could use for the Friday, Oct. 4 St. Francis feast day Mass. We agreed to a 1-page duplex handout with opening prayer for the Mass and reflections for take home. There will be blessing of the animals that day and Wayne also suggested we could show the 20-minute video after Mass and blessing. Wayne will create the document and have Katrina approve plan.
- The remaining new business items were tabled for the next meeting.
- All read the Examen closing prayer.

Next Meeting date: **Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 9:00 in Sister Bay.** Future meeting dates proposed for Thursdays at 9:00 in Sister Bay:

11/14/2019, 12/5/2019

2020 Thursdays: 1/2, 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

Please mark your calendars!