

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Environmental Stewardship Ministry
Minutes for May 22, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order: by Mariah at 11:21 am (live, in gazebo outside of Saint Matthew).

Members present: Mariah Doyle (2022 Chairperson, Parish Council Liaison), Deacon Adelia Sandoval (Clergy Council Liaison), Sharon Smith (scribe for this meeting), , Polly Touhey, Béa Tiritilli.

Members excused: Deacon Tony Russo, Kelly Querijero, Bertie Ninichuck, Meredythe Hutchinson and. Anitha Madanu.

Deacon Adelia sang a prayer to open the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 24, 2022 meeting were discussed and amended, (2022, not 2021 Chairperson, and also consistently include the title Deacon for Deacon Adelia.) Deacon Adelia made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Polly and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale was very successful and grossed \$550.00. Approximately \$76 will be reimbursed to Sharon for expenses including ceramic planter pots. Mother Jetty took video footage of the sale in progress.

Sacred Water: Oceans and Eco Systems

Deacon Adelia, Mariah and Gene Rascon plan to facilitate the Sacred Water program and it will begin on Sunday afternoon, June 26, 2022 at 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom. The first meeting will be a get-to-know-you session and continue for nine consecutive Sundays after that.

The cost of the program for the whole group is \$250.00 and has been covered from funds available in the ESM account. However, students are responsible to purchase their own books and may find them on Amazon.com or Thriftbooks.com. The recommended books are under \$20.00 each, and some can be downloaded. They include: When the World Runs Dry: Earth's Water Crisis, Earth Prayers and Laudato Si, Pope Francis.

Deacon Adelia is also working on arranging a field trip appropriate for the content of the Sacred Water program. Mariah will forward more details once the program is purchased and approved.

Bea confirmed assuming the Chairperson position beginning on the July 24, 2022 meeting.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Adelia.

The meeting ended at 11:42 am.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith