

Environmental Stewardship Ministry
Minutes for January 23, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Bea Tiritilli at 11:00 am (live, between masses, in gazebo outside of Saint Matthew).

Members present: Béa Tiritilli (Acting Chairperson), Sharon Smith (scribe for this meeting), Deacon Tony Russo, Polly Touhey, and Meredythe Hutchinson.

Members excused: Mariah Doyle (2021 Chairperson, Parish Council Liaison, Deacon Adelia Sandoval (Clergy Council Liaison), Anitha Madanu, Kelly Querijero, Bertie Ninichuck.

Deacon Tony Russo opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 28, 2021 meeting were discussed. Polly made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Bea, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Planting Native Plants at Santiago Park

Bea has continued communicating with City of Santa Ana Parks and Recreation Department to arrange for our ministry to plant native plants at Santiago Park. A compromise was finally reached that we may donate native plants, and others affiliated with their program will do the actual planting in the park. We have about two dozen native plants to provide. We may also participate with their tree-planting events in the future. ESM members agreed to co-operate and assist with the objectives of Santiago Park.

ESM Chair 2022

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At the last meeting in November Mariah discussed stepping down as the ESM Chair for the coming year. She serves as the new Parish Council Chairperson this year. At the last meeting Deacon Adelia offered to help the new ESM Chair and Sharon offered to continue taking the meeting minutes. No one stepped forward to fill the open position, however Bea agreed to chair the January meeting. Sharon suggested that meetings be held less frequently, perhaps once every two months. Those attending liked that idea and the discussion to fill the position will resume at the next meeting in March.

New Business:

Sacred Lands: Water

Those attending voiced a strong interest in continuing with the next JustFaith Ministries Course- Sacred Lands: Water. At our March 2022 meeting we will need to work out details such as the cost of the course, our available funds, scheduling, and promotion.

Plant Sale

The group discussed continuing plant sales in order to raise funds for the ES Ministry. Due to the success of last year's sales, the week before Mother's Day (May 1, 2022) was suggested. Another option is to follow-up with an additional sale on Mother's Day (May 8, 2022) if needed. An additional date to consider is May 29, 2022 on the Sunday of the next Unity Mass. Dates for the sale are pending approval of the Community Life, Hospitality and Fundraising Ministry. Sharon will forward the scheduling request to Jennie Guida. In the meantime, gardeners in the ES Ministry are encouraged to propagate and prepare plants for the sale.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Tony.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith