

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church  
Environmental Stewardship Ministry  
Minutes for March 27, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order: by Bea Tiritilli at 11:13am ( live, between masses, outside of gathering room at 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.

Bea read the ES mission Statement

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January 23, 2021 meeting were discussed. Bea made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Meredythe 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:

Bea agreed to take over the position as the Chair of ESM in June when school is out.

New Business:

Sacred Lands: Water

Further discussion about the next JustFaith Ministries Course- Sacred Lands: Water will remain on hold until more information is available. 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 week before Mother's Day (May 1, 2022) and on Mother's Day (May 8, 2022) has been approved by the Community Life, Hospitality and Fundraising Ministry and Parish Council for the plant sale. An additional date to consider is May 29, 2022 on the Sunday of the next Unity Mass. ES Ministry members are encouraged to propagate and prepare plants for the sale. Sharon asked the group for suggestions for how many clay and glazed pots to purchase for the event. She will purchase 120 pots in a variety of sizes that will be reimbursed as plants are sold after the sales.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Tony.

The meeting ended at 11:30 am. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith