

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church  
Environmental Stewardship Ministry  
Minutes for July 24, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

Bea Tirtilli called the meeting to order at 11:06 am ( live, in gazebo outside of Saint Matthew).

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

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

Deacon Adelia and Mariah sang a prayer to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the May 22, 2022 meeting were discussed and corrected to state Pope Francis, (not Saint Francis) in reference to Laudato Si. Bea made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Polly and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Sacred Water: Oceans and Eco Systems-

The Sacred Water program began on June 26, 2022 via Zoom and has been meeting on consecutive Sundays with the exception of the last meeting that was moved to the following Monday (due to some confusion about the meeting time). Deacon Adelia arranged for a guest speaker to from Orange County Coast Keepers to discuss plastics for the upcoming fifth session. She is also arranging a field trip to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy led by Executive Director, John Villa on Saturday morning August 27, 2022. Carpooling details from the church are also being worked out.

New Business:

Bertie will continue recycling. The group was reminded to bring recyclables to add to the church collection for Bertie each week.

The large potted plants on the east side of the church will be moved to the gazebo area to clear a space for the choir during the next Unity Mass.

Deacon Adelia has been in touch with the Sisters of Saint Joseph regarding their Eco Justice Program. She will get more information about their schedule of speakers who may be of interest to us.

Sharon mentioned that our 501-C3 status has recently been reinstated, which means that we can explore having an information booth at the Orange Home Grown Farmers and Artisans Market in Old Towne Orange held every Thursday. The next plant sale can be planned at the next meeting, in addition to planning for the Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi on Monday October 3, 2022.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Adelia. The meeting ended at 11:34 am.  
Next Meeting: September 25, 2022

The meeting ended at 11:39 am.  
Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith