

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church  
Environmental Stewardship Ministry  
Minutes for September 25, 2022 Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

Bea Tirtilli called the meeting to order at 11:04 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), Deacon Tony Russo, and Polly Touhey,.

Members excused:, Kelly Querijero, Bertie Ninichuck, Meredythe Hutchinson,  
Deacon Adelia gave a prayer to begin the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the July 24, 2022 meeting were discussed, and Bea made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Deacon Adelia and the motion was passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Sacred Water: Oceans and Eco Systems-

Deacon Adelia thanked those who participated in the Sacred Water program that began on June 26, 2022 via Zoom. The program was very successful, and included a guest speaker to from Orange County Coast Keepers who discussed plastics in one of the last sessions. The program concluded with a field trip to the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy led by Executive Director, John Villa on Saturday morning August 27, 2022. Deacon Adelia proposed a possible donation to this organization, and those attending the meeting agreed to give \$200.00 to the Wetlands Conservancy.

New Business:

Deacon Adelia reminded the ESM of the upcoming Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi service to be held on Monday October 3, 2022. She also gave an update regarding the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Interfaith Environmental Group. They will begin a speaker series in 2023 that ESM may be very interested in and may want to partner with them. Follow-up information is forthcoming.

The large potted plants that were located on the east side of the church were moved to the gazebo area to clear a space for the choir during the last Unity Mass. Sharon said she would follow up to either arrange them in a permanent location or to remove them.

Sharon also mentioned that we can now explore having an information booth at the Orange Home Grown Farmers and Artisans Market in Old Towne Orange held every Thursday, but suggested that with the ECC Synod in October 2022 and other activities at the church, to postpone until Spring of 2023. Same with the Fall plant sale. The group discussed possible dates for the plant sale: April 23 or May 14 , 2023 (Mother's Day).

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Tony. The meeting ended at 11:34 am.  
Next Meeting: December 4, 2022

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Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith