

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Environmental Stewardship Ministry
Minutes for April 30, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

Bea Tiritilli called the meeting to order at 11:10 am, live at the gazebo located outside of Saint Matthew.

Members present: Bea Tiritilli (Chairperson and Parish Council Liaison), Deacon Adelia Sandoval (Clergy Council Liaison), Mariah Doyle, Sharon Smith (scribe), Meredythe Hutchinson and, Polly Touhey.

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

The opening prayer to begin the meeting was sung by Deacon Adelia.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 26, 2023 meeting were discussed. Corrections included: "Mariah proposed to made a donation for the use of the Saint Matthew chapel in the amount of \$100.00 for the Transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi service that was held on Monday October 3, 2022 from EMS." "Mariah donated \$110.00 to ESM from the sale of eco-friendly eating utensils." Remove Mirela from the attendance roster. (Anitha may be removed also, to be determined.) Lastly, a spelling error was corrected, (Hutchinson and). Bea moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mariah and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mariah agreed to serve as the ESM Treasurer.

The need to recycle outdated mass programs and other printed materials was discussed. Sharon will bring a container for that purpose.

The idea of transitioning to compostable and/or reusable tableware at Saint Matthew such as eating utensils, plates, cups, etc. was discussed. Bea suggested that the Social Justice Ministry fundraising luncheon to be held on May 7, 2023 might work as a trial run. Polly moved to provide compostable (plant based) supplies for the Social Justice Ministry sponsored luncheon- fund raiser with a budget of no more than \$100.00. Adelia seconded the motion and the motion passed. Polly suggested exploring Smart and Final and Mother's and will help with the research. Mariah thought the items could be purchased on Amazon for as little as \$40.00. Funding Saint Matthew events such as this one, and additional involvement of ESM supporting hospitality (such as refreshments after mass) will be studied in the future.

Old Business:

Final plans for the plant sale were made. It will be held the week before Mother's Day on Sunday May 7, 2023 and also on Mother's Day on Sunday May 14, 2023. Mariah pointed out Teacher's Appreciation Day (May 9, 2023) is another sales incentive at this time of year. Bea will donate native plants this year, and suggested a special section for native plants. Expenses, such as soil and pots will be reimbursed after the sale. Polly, Bea, Sharon and Meredythe are available to help with the sale on 5/7/23, Deacon Adalia, Mariah, Sharon and Meredythe on 5/14/23. The location of the plant sale on 5/7/23 will be adjusted to coordinate with the food sale, so tables will be set up closer to the new office on the west side of the

chapel. Set up will begin at 8:15 am, and Sharon will bring cash box, signs, boxes, table cloth, and tally. She will deliver many of the plants and boxes the night before to be stored in the office.

Sharon tended the potted plants around the church including adding more soil. Polly offered to help Sharon with the watering of the plants.

Closing prayer was given by Deacon Adelia. The meeting ended at 11:40 am.

Next Meeting: May 28, 2023, at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith