

Saint Matthew Ecumenical Catholic Church
Environmental Stewardship Ministry
Minutes for May 28, 2023 Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

Bea Tiritilli called the meeting to order at 11:10 am, live in the Gathering Hall at Saint Matthew.

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

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 30, 2023 meeting were discussed. Corrections included: "Mariah donated \$110.00 to ESM from the sale of eco-friendly eating utensils." Bea moved to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mariah and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mariah presented the budget as exists. There were some questions about one of the line items, for example an expense item listed on 12/5/23. Mariah and Sharon agreed to resolve that detail outside of the meeting. Mariah reported that Tonya requested that one person handle ESM budget communications with the office to help ensure accuracy, and that she was in the process of catching up on some files.

Old Business:

The discussion regarding purchasing plates and cups and other eco-friendly supplies for events and hospitality after Sunday Mass in the Gathering Hall was continued from the previous meeting, but the task of setting guidelines was not completed. Bea wanted to know how to get the word out about ESM being available to provide supplies, but this question was not resolved. Bea had already purchased some items that were being used and agreed to pay for them out-of-pocket. Sharon thought Bea should be reimbursed, but preferred to set boundaries for the future as a matter of policy first.

Mariah will report in detail the results of the plant sale at our next meeting, but in short it was very successful.

Closing prayer was given by Bea. The meeting ended at 12:07 am.

Next Meeting: July 23, 2023, at 11:00 am. (Was moved to 7/23/23 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.)

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Smith