

**MINUTES FROM
GREEN TEAM
MEETING
November 25, 2008**

Attendees: Marshall Anderson, Dennis Conley, Cecelia Kenney, Mickey Manoski, John McNamara, Fay Iorio

Dennis Conley and Cecelia Kenney went to an ABITIBI meeting on November 12 and were presented with placques for our church as new members of the paper recycling effort. Pictures of the meeting and the placques are going to be hung in the reception office. Reports from that meeting are attached. We have made \$156 on our paper recycling effort so far. As Dennis Conley went over ideas from the meeting, it was decided to make a push for January as "Save your catalogs, and give them to our recycling" month. Fay Iorio will be writing an article for the Bulletin to push the point.

John McNamara signed us up for ABITIBI's "Ecocentive Loyalty Program." For every ton of paper we collect we get 1 point, which can be redeemed for \$1.00 in cash or 1 point (\$1.50) online store credit. We will probably go for the cash.

In the winter months we will not have Green Team volunteers out helping unload paper for the first Sunday of the month paper drive. It is too cold to expect team members to be out there in winter. We will start helping again in April. Until then, we will keep reminding people to bring their paper.

Mickey asked what happened to our green and yellow Paper drive signs. It is believed that the last big wind storm blew them away. We still have 2 in the hallway near the mailboxes. John McNamara said he could get more from ABITIBI in April.

As we get closer to planning the construction of our new Parish Life Center, Mickey suggested that we send a letter to the Parish Council stating our concerns about trying to make it as GREEN as possible. Mickey will come up with a "straw man" letter to be discussed at our January meeting. Cecelia Kenney's son, Michael Kenney, is involved in LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design). We will invite him to our January meeting to talk about what can be done in environmental friendly construction. The new Portage Lakeshore Park building is an example of this kind of architecture.

Mickey also shared with the group a website www.freecycle.org that she learned about in a Call To Action conference. It is a place to offer and receive items for free that people no longer need. There is a branch in Crown Point. She will find out more about it and if it seems viable, will advertise it in the next Newsletter coming out in February.

We also discussed putting recycling tips in the Bulletin.

No date was set for our January meeting.