

Calvary Creation Care Coordination Team  
Minutes  
February 22, 2022

Members present: Scott Glup, Pastor Ron Hanson, John Gilbertson, Pastor Naomi Mahler, Naomi Baker, Cathy Halbritter, Bob Dickerson, Jack Behr

The meeting was held via Zoom and was opened with prayer from Pastor Ron Hanson.

The minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business

- A. Pastor Ron reminded the group of the Creation Care Training sponsored by the NEMN Synod EcoFaith Network on Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Anyone can attend one session or all sessions. Some Vinje members will be attending.
- B. Naomi Baker reported that we continue with the Trex plastic recycling; however, the Textile recycling is on hold until June.
- C. Pollinator Plot Proposal on (former) Bethesda property - no update on this item from Jeff Miller.
- D. Ron promoted the NEMN EcoFaith Summit "HOLY GROUND HOLY TABLE" on regenerative practices for the wholeness of the earth to be held on Sat., March 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and hoped some of the committee will register for this and take advantage of this online opportunity. Jack sent information to Krista Willis and Kim Larson and encouraged them to participate as farmers. Information was forwarded to everyone on the committee.
- E. The team discussed the tree planting event for Sunday, April 24th following worship services. Calvary would like to purchase 150 trees from the Kandiyohi Soil & Water Conservation District to distribute them to members of Calvary. The cost is \$300. This would be promoted as part of our celebration of Calvary's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Cathy moved and the motion passed to spend \$300 to purchase 150 trees for distribution on April 24.
- F. Ron updated the committee that our Creation Care Committee will receive the Lenten offering on March 23.

New Business

- A. Outdoor Book Walk – Pastor Naomi will report on this at the March meeting. She's looking for some partners to work with her on this, possibly from the Children and Family Board.
- B. Ron highlighted the American Climate Leadership Summit which will be held online March 28-March 31. Details are online at American Climate Leadership Summit 2022. Ron said there is a cost involved; however, there is an amazing array of speakers.
- C. Rogation Sunday is on April 24 and Earth Day is April 22. Pastor Naomi & Naomi Baker are continuing to work on this. The group discussed having a forum on April 24 and we will be having the tree planting event.

- D. Scott reported that PWELC has a new executive director and they are booking up with school groups this spring. Earth Day celebration will be Saturday, April 23 from 1-4:30. Scott said that at the recent PWELC board meeting he mentioned that Calvary would like to partner. PWELC has submitted a grant request for money for pollinator plots and Calvary could possibly be a partner in this.
- E. Communion cups - Pastor Naomi and Cathy will meet with the altar guild to discuss using the glass cups and washing in the dishwasher. Cathy has found communion glass racks that can be used in the commercial dishwashers.
- F. Pastor Ron discussed how we can be a “catalyst” for Creation Care in our Community and in our SWMN Synod. He reported that he has discussed this with Justin Ask on city council and the mayor has received some calls about being a green city. The mayor is willing to meet with a group to discuss this topic further. The MN GreenStep Cities program was discussed. Ron has also talked with Bishop Dee Pederson about growing awareness within our synod. She feels this needs to come from the bottom up. Ron will continue this discussion.
- G. Pastor Ron shared some thoughts on ways we might “grow” our mission of encouraging creation care awareness and actions at Calvary. Ron wondered how we might get more involved from our congregation and other ways we can get others involved.

Reminder: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Naomi.