Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team

Minutes

June 21, 202

Members present: Jack Behr, John Gilbertson, Naomi Powers Baker, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter

The meeting was opened with a reading and prayer by Naomi.

The minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

* Goal 1 – Organizing: No Report
* Goal 2 – Education: No Report
* Goal 3 – Congregational Life
  + Reusable Communion Cups: Cathy reported that the order has been placed for two washer racks. They are currently on back order. There may be a possibility of using some funds the Thrivent.
  + Share the Bounty: No report
* Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  + Pollinator Plot: Joel reported that the tilling was started but there were some issues with the tiller which have been resolved and Jeff will be able to begin tilling again. The groundwork preparation may take more time than anticipated.
  + The oak tree planted previously is recovering and appears that it will survive. Thank you, Joel, for your work on that.
  + Sunday School Atrium Planters Project: Joel and Cathy reported the plants were transplanted along with a few additional other plants and will continue to water them through the summer.
  + Faith Based Community Garden: This will be discussed at our next meeting.
  + Solar Power: A video from today’s Interfaith Power & Light (IPL) Summer Solstice Webinar will be available to watch at a later time. The committee will talk further about this topic at the next meeting.
* Goal 5 – Worship: No Report
* Goal 6 – Coordination
  + ELCA / Synod: Jack reported that the NE MN Synod EcoFaith Network will be having a retreat in August for synod related issues, not congregational issues. This information has been shared with Pastor Troy Pflibsen, Director for Evangelical Mission at the SW MN Synod. If anyone would like to attend this retreat or knows of someone here at Calvary or elsewhere that may be interested, let Jack know.
  + Advocacy / Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota: Jack will be talking to Vinje and Bethel and gathering more information from Tammy Walhof.
  + Local Government: No Report

New Business:

* Growing Congregational Involvement: Jack shared a handout with some ideas. Naomi shared that Janel is interested in getting more information to Sunday School children about creation care. Discussed “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday and having some type of event and hosting group bike rides. The committee brainstormed some ideas for a “Help Wanted Ad” for the Messenger to advertise for new members to the committee. Naomi will talk to Sheila in the office about creating an ad. We should all look for a person we could ask to join the committee from the congregation.

Reminders:

* The committee will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Naomi closed the meeting with prayer.