

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
December 20, 2022

Members Present: Jack Behr, Bob Dickerson, Naomi Baker, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter

Jack opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing:
  - Creation Care Events Calendar 2023 - Jack handed out a tentative calendar for 2023 for discussion and review. This item was tabled until January 2023 to discuss further.
  - Accomplishments - Jack updated this list with the last entry being the use of glass communion cups in lieu of plastic.
  - Annual Report - Jack shared a copy of the Creation Care annual report for the church. Please let Jack know of any revisions for the above items.
- Goal 2 – Education:
  - Blessed Tomorrow Ambassador / Karen Kraemer - Karen has completed her training and is now an ambassador. She would like to present the program to a group of people. Discussed having her present it to our team and possibly invite Vinje Creation Care Team to join us and any others interested. Jack will see if Karen is available to come to our January meeting at 6:30 p.m. If that works, we will have a shortened meeting at 6pm.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life
  - Reusable Communion Cups / Fundraiser / Thrivent Grant: The team discussed a possible date for the fundraiser on Feb. 12 and will finalize the date in January. Cathy will write up something for the Messenger to run the two weeks prior to the fundraiser.
  - Share the Bounty: The creation care team agrees that we would like to continue doing this activity late summer and fall. Cathy will check with Teri in the office to see if it causes too much work for her or if we should do anything differently.
  - Tips – to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle: Jack said Sheila has said we've shared all of tips. Cathy will ask Sheila to email her a list of all the tips from the website and the other list she has so that members of the Creation Care team can review/revise them prior to our January meeting.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  - Energy Efficiency / Solar Power / Carbon Footprint (Larry Scholla) / IPL Webinar on Federal Funding: Jack and Joel watched the webinar. Jack reported on two takeaways - 1) expand from just thinking about solar energy to energy efficiency, 2) come up with a team to work on this, which could possibly be more than just Calvary. The grant cycle for 2023 isn't open yet but we need to catalog equipment, benchmark the building to measure success, identify what we've already done and what we want to do in the future. Joel and Jack will each talk to some others and try to schedule a meeting with Pastor Dean to talk about trying to move ahead with exploration in this area.
- Goal 5 – Worship - no report
- Goal 6 – Coordination:
  - ELCA SW Synod / Pr. Troy Pflibsen - Jack reported that Pastor Pflibsen has not had any feedback from the survey he conducted within the synod.
  - Advocacy / Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota - Jack has not heard back from Tammy Walhof. He will make contact after the first of the year.
  - ELCA Social Message on Earth's Climate Crisis - Comments were due on the ELCA Social Message on Earth's Climate Crisis.

New Business: none

Reminders:

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2022

Naomi closed the meeting with prayer.