

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team  
Minutes  
June 20, 2023

Members present: Jack Behr, Leon Lenz, Scott Glup, Naomi Powers-Baker, Cathy Halbritter

Jack shared a devotion from Deuteronomy.

The minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- 1) Goal 1 – Organizing: no report
- 2) Goal 2 – Education:
  - Library - The group needed to postpone the date to shop for Creation Care library books until July.
  - NE MN Synod EcoFaith Webinar - There is a Creation Care Connections Quarterly Zoom meeting scheduled for 7/13/2023. Watch for more information.
- 3) Goal 3 – Congregational Life
  - Share the Bounty - Naomi and Cathy met with the Social Kindness committee and agreed that the Creation Care Team will take this project over.
  - Glacial Ridge Trail Bike Ride(s) - Jack will call Andy Berg to see if he is interested in leading this as he was involved last year.
  - Pollinator Pocket / Jeannie Kopitzke - The team will work on this project in the fall.
- 4) Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
  - Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy - no report
  - Future Benches / Council Discussion - Naomi reported that we have been given the okay from church council to do what we want with the benches. Discussed placing one at The Village and putting a plaque on it that it's from Calvary. Also discussed using the benches as a fundraiser. Naomi moved to donate the first bench and auction the second bench. The motion passed.
  - Pollinator Plot update - Scott reported that the plot is looking good; however, it could use some rain. May have blossoms within a week or two if we get rain. Discussed possible fencing for the end of the pollinator plot to prevent cars from driving into the plot. Everyone should investigate and report ideas at the next meeting. Also, discussed educational signage for the plot.
- 5) Goal 5 – Worship – no report
- 6) Goal 6 – Coordination: Jack
  - Advocacy / Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota - Jack emailed her in May and has not had a response.
  - Eco Fair / Karen Kraemer – Jack reported that a Willmar Area 2024 Earth Day Planning Committee has formed and met. April 27, 2024 is the date of the Eco Fair. Committees have been formed and are looking for more volunteers. The next meeting is August 10.
  - Gary Geer, Kandiyohi County Environmental Services Director - Jack met with Gary about a personal project and talked with him about Calvary's Creation Care Team and Gary said he'd be willing to come and talk to our team.
- 7) Other - Scott reported that at a recent PWELC meeting it was shared that the YES coordinator is working on getting a team going at the Willmar high school.

New Business:

- 8) God's Work, Our Hands Project in September: Naomi reported that the date is September 10 and that we should think about what project our committee could work on for that day.
- 9) Oral B recycling – Cathy shared information about recycling any oral hygiene products for free through Oral B. Information will be sent out to the committee members to review. Discussed the possibility of setting up a box at church.

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held on July 18, 2023.

Jack closed the meeting by asking team members to pray for this team and to ask for guidance in doing the right thing.