

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team
Minutes
May 16, 2023

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

Jack opened with a devotion from the Green Bible Devotional.

Kelly Welch was welcomed as a new member.

The minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Goal 1 – Organizing
 - ☐ Creation Care Events Calendar 2023
 - i. Earth Day Critique - The service, temple talk, adult forum, and pollinator seed give away all went very well.
 - ii. International Compost Week was May 7-13. The team determined last month that we weren't prepared this year for any type of activity that week. Discussion was held regarding what we can do moving forward locally to encourage composting.
 - iii. Summer Activities - Reviewed the 2023 calendar of events; however, no decisions were made.
 - ☐ Growing Congregational Involvement - There was a sign-up on Earth Sunday, and we had a few interested.
 - ☐ Where does Creation Care fit in the new Calvary Organizational Chart? Church council has been discussing the organizational chart. We may need to wait until we have an administrative pastor. Jack shared a letter that he wrote to Shawn Swenson, congregational president, regarding Jack's views on how Creation Care fits into the overall picture.
- Goal 2 – Education
 - ☐ Library: Creation Care books - New books will be looked at this summer by the library committee.
- Goal 3 – Congregational Life
 - ☐ Share the Bounty:
 - i. Jack reported that he talked to Linda Nelson, Chair of the Social Kindness Committee, and they decided to continue the program as a joint venture. They will both seek people who are interested in working on the project.
 - ii. Naomi and Cathy will make sure the table and sign gets set up this summer and information put in the bulletin and Messenger.
- Goal 4 – Building and Grounds
 - ☐ Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: No report from the team working on this.
 - ☐ Jack reported that he has communicated with Suzanne Napgezek from Vinje in her leadership role on their solar project.
 - ☐ Jack reported that IPL will be hosting a webinar on applying for Federal DOE grants to be held on Thursday, June 1 at 4:00pm. Anyone interested in viewing the webinar can register on the IPL website.
- Goal 5 – Worship - No report.
- Goal 6 – Coordination
 - ☐ Advocacy / Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota - Jack will contact Tammy after the legislative session wraps up for the year.

New Business

- Eco Fair / Karen Kraemer, BT Climate Ambassador / League of Women Voters - Karen is interested in putting together an EcoFair, modeled after one done annually in Richfield.
- Future Benches: Naomi will talk to the church council about a recommendation to donate a bench to The Village and for the Creation Care team to make future decisions regarding benches.
- Pollinator Pocket/Jeannie Kopitzke: Kelly shared photos and a map of Jeannie's back yard to discuss the possibility of putting in a small pollinator plot. Some of the members of Creation Care agreed that they'd be willing to work on a small plot in Jeannie's backyard.

Reminders:

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.