

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team
July 18, 2023

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

Jack opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

The minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Goal 1 – Organizing: no report

Goal 2 – Education:

- Library: Creation Care books: Cathy reported that the library committee is in the process of purchasing books with a focus on creation care and will have a cost by the next meeting.
- NE MN Synod EcoFaith Webinar has been rescheduled for July 20 and will focus on a creation care sermon series and highlighting a VBS program called Li'l Sprouts.

Goal 3 – Congregational Life

- Glacial Ridge Trail Bicycle Ride(s): This event was held this past Sunday with eight people riding to Spicer and back. Andy Berg has agreed to organize this again next summer.
- Pollinator Pocket / Jeannie Kopitzke: More information at a later meeting.
- Oral B Recycling Project: The team decided to put information into the Messenger/bulletin and have a collection the last Sunday in September. Discussed reaching out to other facilities such as Bethesda to see if they might be willing to save products.

Goal 4 – Building and Grounds

- Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: Joel reported that he hopes to make more progress on this in August.
- God's Work, Our Hands Project – September 10: Naomi has been given permission to organize events and find leaders for different projects on this Sunday. The Creation Care team discussed fencing for the north end of the pollinator plot. Joel and Cathy will write a proposal to send to the Building and Grounds Committee to put up a split rail fence on the north side. Jack will contact Jeff Miller to see if he is interested in helping with this project.

Goal 5 – Worship - no report; however, comments were shared that there seems to be more of an emphasis on creation.

Goal 6 – Coordination: Jack

- Advocacy / Tammy Walhof, Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota - Jack has not been able to connect with her yet.
- Willmar Area Earth Day Event – April 27, 2024 / Karen Kraemer / League of Women Voters - Jack reported that the next meeting is August 10 at 9am at the Rec Center. Jack is planning on attending. Anyone is welcome.

Other - Scott shared that Florida Lake Association is funding loon nests that will be placed at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center (PWELC). PWELC is applying to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for designation as a destination of regional significance. Scott also reminded the committee that the annual fundraiser is coming up on September 8.

New Business

- Naomi shared an app called "Picture This" which can be used to identify plants.

Reminders:

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2023