

Calvary Creation-Care Coordination Team
August 15, 2023

Members present: Jack Behr, Scott Glup, Leon Lentz, Kelly Welch, Naomi Baker, Joel Halbritter, Cathy Halbritter
Guests: Karen Kraemer

Jack opened the meeting with a devotion

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

Old Business

Goal 1 – Organizing

- ☐ Planning Retreat: Jack has decided not to have a Saturday retreat this fall as previously discussed. Instead, we will use one of our meetings this fall to review our strategic plan. If Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota, becomes available for a speaking engagement, we will consider planning it with Vinje and Bethel.

Goal 2 – Education

- ☐ Library: Cathy reported that the library is ordering many new titles and many of them have a creation care theme. Scott made a motion to pay \$230 towards the creation-care themed library books. The motion was seconded and passed.

Goal 3 – Congregational Life

- ☐ Pollinator Pocket / Jeannie Kopitzke: Kelly reported that Jeanne has said we should wait until next year.
- ☐ Oral B Recycling Project: It was decided to change the collection date to Oct. 1 because there is a conflict with September 24.

Goal 4 – Building and Grounds

- ☐ Energy Efficiency / Renewable Energy: No report
- ☐ God's Work, Our Hands Project – September 10: Approval has been received to put in the split rail fence. Jeff Miller will order the materials from Menards; work with Naomi on promoting the event; and coordinate the installation.

Goal 5 – Worship

Naomi updated the committee on fall plans for services and coverage.

Goal 6 – Coordination

- ☐ Willmar Area Earth Day Event – April 27, 2024: Karen Kraemer was present to update the team on progress for this event. She is looking for presenters and speakers. She reviewed the work being done and planning for the event. Several ideas were shared, including the potential for Vinje and Calvary hosting a booth.

Other:

Textile recycling has started again and is now going to the “New to You” Thrift Store. Leon visited with Don Williamson about polystyrene (Styrofoam) recycling. Leon is going to continue following up with local people about this.

New Business

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center YES (Youth Eco Solutions) Program: Jack has been corresponding with Randy Fredrickson, School Board member; Jeff Holm, Superintendent; and

Bill Adams, Assistant Superintendent about the potential of implementing a YES Program at Willmar Public Schools. They are exploring placing the program in the Community Education Department and a potential coordinator has been identified. Details of the program will follow. When approved, it was suggested that we should encourage Calvary youth to consider the program.

Reminders:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer