

Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers 1/9/2019

Members: Len and Phyllis H., Allan G, Jerry S., Phyllis W., Philip B., Bill R., Eunice K., Rouanna G, Donna H, Ruth D, Ron H, Phil B, Katherine H, Merrily S. (scribe)

Phyllis invited everyone to attend the dedication of the Martin Luther King mural on the side of 1st Christian Church on Sunday Jan. 20th at 3:00 P.M.

Katherine reported on *Drawdown*, pp. 124-126, "Land Use: Indigenous Peoples' Land Management. The article says that indigenous peoples are mitigating global warming to a degree that benefits everyone in several more conservation-minded ways: 1. home gardens , 2. agroforestry, 3. swidden (burning and clearing of forest land), 4. pastoralism, 5. fire management, and 6. community managed forests. Impact: Indigenous people have secure land tenure on 1.3 billion acres globally, though they live on and manage much more. Drawdown's analysis assumes higher rates of carbon sequestration and lower rates of deforestation on lands managed by indigenous people. "If forestland under secure tenure grows by 909 million acres by 2050, reduced deforestation could result in 6.1 gigatons of carbon dioxide emissions avoided."

Rouanna invited anyone who wishes to take over her job as facilitator; when no one volunteered she agreed to do it for another year. Bill requested that someone take over his job of drafting the agendas. Ruth D. agreed to take over for Bill. **If you have an agenda item for future meetings please send to ruthduemler@gmail.com.**

A sign-up to cover Saturday at the PIELC conference at the UO in March will be available at the February Earthkeeper's meeting. Phillip could have video showing on Saturday.

Everyone is invited to a meeting at First United Methodist Church at 5:30 on Thursday, Jan. 11, to discuss the future plans of That's My Farmer.

Donna H. reported on the Protect the Protest event in Springfield on Dec. 17th. Through a series of sales and broken agreements Weed, CA, has lost it's share of spring water to a major corporation, Crystal Geyser. The "Weed Nine" drove up to protest at Crystal's headquarters in Springfield. About 70 people showed up from Community Rights Lane County, Forest Defenders and other earth protectors. There were speeches, singing, and then they trespassed and walked around the building. There was a little media coverage which was gratifying. Roseburg Forest Products, who shares the building with Crystal, would not let the group enter the building to deliver their message but they read it for the assembly, telling Crystal to drop the SLAPP suit brought against the Weed Nine. Patty says, "They didn't even send a rep to talk to us...Sad."

Those who tried to attend Eugene City Council's meeting to discuss the Climate Action Plan 2.0 were disappointed. The meeting was cancelled, no proposal for a another date.

Good printable posters for the next Plastics Collection are available on the EarthKeepers website. Paste on labels must be removed. Try using hand sanitizer or a hair dryer to loosen the glue. Also, Eunice has a succinct list of requirements in her most recent newsletter submission.

350Eug Activities from Patty:

1. Buses are going on **Jan. 15** to Salem for a rally and hearing about Jordan Cove. It's going to be big! To get on the bus for the 15th, email Elizabeth Chandler at riverwatcher88@gmail.com to reserve a free seat. We want 1,000 people! Also, links for commenting to the DSL are on [nolngexports.org](http://www.nolngexports.org) <http://www.nolngexports.org/write-comments>.

2. 350Eug has a "meet-up" on Jan. 10th at FUMC starting with a potluck at 6 and program at 7 pm.

3. On **Jan. 26th** there will be an Extinction Rebellion event--the first one in the U.S. TBD. A BIG action on **April 15th**. Save the date. Leonard Higgins is leading U.S. organizers!

4. On **Feb. 6th** there will be a Clean Energy Jobs Bill rally and lobby day. Transportation is being arranged. Signup info on our Act Now page at our website.

5. On **Feb. 21st** Temple Beth Israel is hosting Community Organizing for Climate Solutions at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by 350Eug, Beyond Toxics, TBI Tikkun Olam, and Eugene Community Climate Coalition (EKs are members) PLEASE COME! This Feb. 21st community town hall is part of our continuing work with the city of Eugene to push for real climate action re: the Climate Action Plan 2.0 Update Project (actually a "gap analysis") which falls very short when it comes to achieving our CRO climate objectives. 350EUG is meeting the the City Manager this month and escalating with actions such as the light brigade outside the State of the City event at the Hult last Thursday, banner drops, processions, die-ins, etc. **OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON OUR ACTIONS TODAY!**

6. On **Jan. 27th** there will be a Climate Advocate Training in Eugene sponsored by the Citizens' Climate Lobby. Training will be at the Eugene Public Library, Singer Room, from 12:00 to 3:00. Contact is Carol Yarborough, cayarbro@comcast.net.

Other Business:

1. Treasurer's Report: \$501.09 and all bills are paid.

2. Rouanna proposed that the reading *Salmon Is Everything* which she saw at the UO Longhouse be a project we support being redone. Rouanna's glowing description of the impact of the play impressed us and we favored the idea. She will follow up by contacting the one email she had.

3. Ron suggested that churches organize climate vigils, say some Sunday afternoon, on multiple street corners in Eugene before Earth Day. He feels that people may be more eager for information because the climate is obviously changing. We could print up 1/2 sheet flyers with contact info. for climate groups, and maybe some talking points. Would give us an opportunity to talk to people and gauge where they are. We felt positive about this idea and asked that it be put on next month's agenda.

4. Rouanna has been working for several month with Len and Betsy to test the calculators for carbon footprint in our Faith Community Fund tri-folds. Rouanna will write a letter of concern to McKenzie River Trust and Philip Bayles will get it to the right person.

5. Phil Bertrand attended the Green Lane Sustainable Business Network presentation on Carbon Cap and Trade on Jan. 9. He reported that there is no current bill for 2019, now expected in February. Plastic to Fuel is not a viable cost effective option. Hydro powered electricity is usually estimated for the lowest year flow expected and therefore in most years there has been power to sell to other agencies and thus an added revenue keeping our areas' rates low. There is the question of what effect climate change may have on the annual flow going forward. Those to be capped are those companies who produce a given number of tons per year with allowances made for those companies who are early adapters. The plan, eventually, is to include a broad geographic base to minimize the costs to any one entity. It was suggested we partner with California to keep administration costs down.

6. Merrily called attention to the recent Reg.-Guard article about the stalemate between the OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and environmental groups Oregon Wild, Defenders of Wildlife, Cascadia Wildlands and the Center for Biological Diversity over wolf management in the state. This topic will be on our next agenda to discuss if/what EarthKeepers can do to lend support to the environmental groups.

Our Next Meeting:

Time and Date: 1-3 PM, Wednesday February 13, 2019

Where: United Lutheran, 22nd & Washington

Minutes Taker: Rouanna

Discussion Leader: Ron, p. 10 from *Drawdown*