

Interfaith Earthkeepers
Minutes for April 0, 2019

Present: Ruth D., Sue C., Rouanna G., Allan G., Katherine Hel., Betsy H., Len H., Katharine Hu, Eunice K., Edith R., Keith O., Merrily S., Phyllis W., Ron H., Glenn G., Tom P. and Karen B., Brian L. from Corvallis.

A presentation on Solar Rooftop energy was presented from "DrawDown", by Phyllis W. A very good discussion followed for 30 min.

Brian L. and Karen B. from "Interfaith Climate Justice Corvallis" present the following:

- 1) The community worked on Food Waste, "No Food Left Behind" since this is the number 3 item in CO2 emissions from DrawDown. The emphasis was on what one could do in one's own home/life, to cut down on this problem. Part of the program was aimed at 5th graders with groups of interfaith folks and others participating in and educational presentation.
- 2) A Corvallis carbon offset fund has been established with the benefit staying in the area. Quantitative measures have been established. Monies go to Solar for Habitat for Humanity, McKenzie Greenbelt Land Trust, and Agriculture sequestration. Donations are from individuals, through Interfaith and others...and is given through the City of Corvallis.
- 3) Led the City of Corvallis in supporting the Oregon Green New Deal, worked with 350.org.
- 4) A movie, "Love they nature" was shown with allies Interfaith Power and Light.
- 5) Considering Plastics Round Up, and working with the City of Corvallis in plans that will benefit local Community.

Katherine Hel. produced a really fun postcard invitation for Retailers, etc. to ask that they join in diminishing, or replacing plastic....asking their wholesalers to join in. She also spoke on International Zine for Youth, and is working with 350 to include children.

Reviewed process that many used to join the County Plastics Roundup. A great idea was talked of to have a "Plastics Day of Lent" where folks of the Christian Faith would use that day to forgo any use of plastic. This idea could be used in many ways by different Faiths.

Interfaith Earthkeepers and the UU Earth Action group have signed on the be Amicus with Our Children's Trust, the new Oregon State case.

Interfaith Earthkeepers is 6 years old~ January 2019.

Katherine Hu. spoke on the plans for That's My Farmer which will be held this Sat. from 11 to 2 at FUMC. Many have signed up to help, but, more help is needed. Please contact Katherine to assist this wonderful program. It will be fun with lots of activities for children, great goodies to sample, and lots of fun entertainment.

Merrily has the movie "Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution" to show at Central Lutheran Church, Friday June 7, at 7 pm. The entrance is off the east parking lot.

A great program is scheduled this Fri. April 12, 2019 at the UU Church 13th and Chambers at 7 pm. It is called Music for Mother Earth. Do come and bring everyone! There will be some singalong, and it will be fun for the children too. EK's will share in the decision on where to spend half of the donated money.

Keith Oldham is working with Kitty Piercy to get Youth involved in helping to develop a program that will encourage Youth to participate and be a part of City Government. He also attended a training at the Faith Center...Youth for Climate /Earth Issues. It encourages partners for Sustainable Schools. It would be a program to encourage Youth to come up with ideas /programs in church settings.

Discussion proceeded with Ron H. talking about a National Bill...HB 763 the Carbon Dividend Act. This is being worked on (and has been for many years) to include equal membership/support for the bill from both sides of the aisle. It is a straight forward bill to Tax Carbon and return the monies to citizens. Ron is asking that we support both this Bill and the New Green Deal. Discussion ensued, and many felt that they needed to learn a lot.

EK tri-fold needs our website informations on it. Merrily & Len will come up with stickers to put on current tri-folds.

Betsy Halpern, Faith Community Fund - Financial Report:
In 2017 donations came to \$1753
In 2018 donations came to \$2145.

Rouanna asked for a volunteer to put together the Agenda for our meetings.

Raise Salmon, Not Shasta Dam, @ Central Presbyterian Church, 4/13/19 from 5 – 7pm.
A Winnemem Wintu Fundraiser

Merrily Sutton had sent our letter concerning the “wolves” situation to Governor Kate Brown and State Legislator Wilde. We received a reply from both, with a very positive response from Wilde.

Merrily shared articles from the Wall Street Journal, new zero waste grocery stores and more.

Church Women United will have their Annual Luncheon, and Ruth D. has tickets to sell. Good opportunity to network. St. Jude's Catholic Church, at 11:30 on the May 4, 2019

Other announcements included alternative transportation, community air pollution, Waldo lake land preservation possibilities., and Jordan Cove.

TomP. Talked about Sunday transportation events and bicycles taking over the streets of Eugene.

May Location - First Christian , 1166 Oak St, Eugene

Penny P. - Minutes Merrily S. pg. 112

June Location – Sue C's – Potluck/Meeting – Carpool UUCE at 11:15am

Minutes – Jane S. Drawdown – Rouanna G. - Reading pg. 50, Silvopasture

July Location – UUCE, 13th & Chambers

Minutes – Ruth D. Drawdown – Donna H. pg. 2 Wind Turbines & pg. 23 Micro Wind

Respectfully submitted by Sue Craig