

## **EK Minutes - October 9, 2019**

**Attendees:** Rouanna G, Phyllis W, Merrily S, Ron K, Penny P, Allan G, Ron H, Sue C, Betsy H.

**Drawdown Discussion:** Penny P discussed women in agriculture. Countries with low gender equality have lower agricultural output. Closing the gender gap with regard to resource access would significantly increase agriculture productivity on available land. This would occur in a more sustainable fashion than reliance on industrial farming techniques. Food would be used more locally with less transport and processing.

### **Agenda Items:**

Healthy Oceans, Blue Carbon, Blue New Deal, Forest Health, Eco Fair strategies being considered. Tabled for present.

Welcome Person/Greeter - A designated person to welcome new visitors could improve participation in the group. Merrily S volunteered to undertake this role, with Sue Craig backup as needed.

Outreach Activity - Ron H has been considering this, but pending further thought it will be tabled until February.

Movie: Ice on Fire. This recent movie has updated information on the climate crisis and available actions. It was agreed to use a modest amount of our funds to purchase this for use.

Paris to Pittsburgh showing results reported back to Interfaith Power & Light.

A movie on food waste is potentially a good choice for future use. Sue C will check with the Corvallis interfaith group regarding possible options. It was noted there are techniques for generating energy from food waste, and some funding for pilot projects.

Indigenous People's Day activities will be impressive this year. The City of Springfield has an entire day of events at City Hall. A UO campus museum has a special exhibit. See Schedules on website, [interfaithearthkeepers.org](http://interfaithearthkeepers.org).

Plastic Recycling changes questioned regarding current guidelines. #2, #4, and #5 plastics are generally being accepted in special recycling schedules (see below for Saturdays in October at First Christian Church).

Upcoming Meeting Locations: FUMC November, UUCE December, First Christian January 2020.

Civil Disobedience Training is available through the Civil Liberties Defense Center, 1430 Willamette St, #359, Eugene, OR. They seek to support movements addressing social inequity and environmental destruction.

Faith Climate Action Week is coming up in April 17-26, 2020, sponsored by Interfaith Power & Light, and part of the Earth Day activities. We need to begin planning our activities so they can be announced early in the new year.

Ideas for potential future action include a small group visiting congregations in the area to do discussions and education, a fair with demonstrations of sustainable strategies like fermentation, and a climate emergency speakers bureau.

Rouanna expressed the desire to have some relief from facilitation. Merrily S, Sue C and Ron H will do this collaboratively, with Sue leading November's meeting. Rouanna will continue to formulate the agenda.

Banking strategies discussed and noted to be potentially important in curbing the power of fossil fuel companies. Ron K noted he has begun transferring his funds from JPMorganChase to US World Bank. He has found US World Bank to have good sustainable strategies. It was noted that credit unions are a good alternative as well, with shared branching allowing access while traveling.

Merrily S requested a donation for pollinator defense by the Natural Resources Defense Council. This group has an outstanding track record of legal and other environmental strategies. Unanimous approval given by the group.

Plastic recycling will be done Saturdays mornings in October at First Christian Church, a designated community collection site. Times are 9am to noon for the next three Saturdays (see [interfaithearthkeepers.org](http://interfaithearthkeepers.org) blog post for details).

Sierra Club is showing the movie, “Dam to Extinction” on a Saturday night in November and enlisting cosponsors. Cosponsorship was approved without dissent.

Renew Oregon is moving ahead with strategies to cope with the failure of HB2020. Three statewide ballot initiatives are planned, two of them specific for climate carbon issues. One thousand preliminary signatures are needed prior to acceptance for full ballot signature collection.

**Next meeting** November 13, 2019 at 1pm, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St, Eugene, OR