

Minutes, Interfaith Earthkeepers
December 9, 2020

Facilitator - Sue
Notes - Keith

Present - Ron H., Bob, Sue, Penny, Rouanna, Merrily, Chuck, Ron,
Elizabeth, Helen, Katherine, Keith

Check in - most doing okay, getting by, missing grandkids.

Education - invitation to read and discuss American Nations by Colin Woodward. An insightful history of American values and political perspectives.

Chuck gave a report of changes and developments in Upper Willamette Valley Soil and Water Conservation District since success of ballot measure. Focus on financial structure and fire issues.

Review of Faith Community Fund. Understand personal Carbon Footprint and voluntarily buy Carbon offsets to support McKenzie River Trust and Long Tom Watershed Council. Betsy and Rouanna will write up report.

Brian Lee gave a report on networking and alliance building in Corvallis. What can we do to out reach to other groups.

Earth Day (April 22) planning. Proposal to show Kiss the Ground movie. Need to do technical rehearsal ahead of time. Agreed to buy 'I am Greta' movie.

World Oceans Day. Keith will connect with youth groups and organizations regarding doing a United Nations Climate and Oceans event. Other ideas?

Ron - brief report on HR 763

Drawdown glossary - Keith - idea still incubating.

Keith and Merrily will connect with University journalist.

Merrily commented on excellent statement on State of the Planet by U.N. Secretary General Antonio Gutierrez. Led discussion regarding poor coverage of Climate issues in local media. Write letters and build relationships.

Sue led discussion regarding how funding education, especially in rural areas is tied to logging. Up date on Elliot Forest. Bad news regarding clear cutting, good news regarding including using forest as educational tool throughout curriculum.

Next meeting Jan 13th
Facilitator - Keith
Notes - Merrily