

## Interfaith Earthkeepers Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2020

Location: UUCE

Present. Sue, Merrily, Ron, Maura, Allan, Betsy, Keith, Patricia, Len, Phyllis, Kari, Phyllis, Beth.

Brief check in. Welcome new people, we look forward to continuing the conversations. Phyllis introduced Naomi Klein's new book *On Fire* recognizes that this is a time of disruption/revolution and argues the burning case for a green new deal.

Patricia mentioned the Peace Choir In Accord will be singing Sunday 16 1st United Methodist Church 3 to 5 pm. Also Advanced planning for Health care decisions Feb 29, 1 to 4 pm at Unity of the Valley. Sue appreciated retuning swans and we were all gladdened by the early flowers of spring. So a few lines from Wordsworth " ...I cast upon the inward eye that is the bliss of solitude, and my heart with pleasure fills to see the dancing daffodils."

Kari - Drawdown reading on soil microbiology and the amazing web of life. Discussion regarding time allotment given to this given action matters needing conversation. Do we want to change to a new book? E.g. Sustainable World Sourcebook donated by David Stone. Sue checked it out.

Thank you to Rouanna for doing so much for so long.

Earth our Home, Living in Harmony April 25 1.30 to 4.30 at FUMC. We agreed that Mary DeMocker (author of a Parents guide to Climate Revolution - 100 ways to build a fossil-free future, raise empowered kids, and still get a good nights sleep) would be a good keynote speaker. Ask Matt McRae (climate strategist for Our Children's Trust) Keith will explore introducing Indigenous Traditional Environmental Knowledge (T.E.K) presentation with Long Tom Watershed Council.

Include poetry, music, song. Merrily will check in with John Pitney (founder of Interfaith Earthkeepers)

Discussion on breakout sessions and/or home and garden show style tabling to include topics on resistance, resilience and recovery. Brainstorm ideas and presenters, sow seeds for future events. Need sub committee to develop ideas. Merrily, Sue, Ron, Keith, other?

Ron - leading Stop Fossil fuels, stop the money campaign on Friday's outside of Chase bank. New location at Ken Kesey plaza. 3 to 5pm.

Sue - P.I.E.L.C ( Public Interest Environmental Law Conference) sign up for tabling March 6 th and 7 th between 10am to 3pm.

Sue - Update on Elliott State Forest. Yes to signing letter.

Merrily- Idle no more campaign or 'Idling is Exhausting'. Writing letter to principals and creating pamphlet for distribution. Keith will invite participation from student Environmental clubs.

Up coming events - check Interfaith Earthkeepers web site for details.  
March 5 th Oregon Humanities Clark lecture On Rising Together, creative and collective responses to Climate Change. Elizabeth Rush.  
March 10, Climate town hall  
Movie the Pollinators March 12, 6.30 at Regal, Valley river center.  
NAACP Candidate forums February 20, March 12,

Next Meeting - March 11 at 1 pm Central Lutheran 1857 Potter  
Facilitator- Merrily. Minutes- Betsy. Drawdown Reading- Rouanna