

Interfaith Earthkeepers Wednesday 2/13/19, 1 to 3pm
United Lutheran 2230 Washington, Eugene

Attendees: Ron H, Phyllis H, Sue C, Edith R, Stan B. (Retired Lutheran Pastor), Merrily S, Katharine H, Rouanna G, Eunice K, Philip B, Phyllis W, Len H, Katherine Hel. Keith O, Ruth D, and Allan G.

Drawdown: Ron H, pg 10, Rooftop Solar Brett Moser at Advanced Energy Systems (AES), Eugene knows the details of different utilities and the available incentives and costs. An average residential solar system is 4.7 kW capacity, with an average total cost about \$11,000 after federal, state and utility incentives. The federal solar incentive will decrease somewhat at end of 2019. AES was recommended and used by Rouanna G. Systems are typically grid tied, so there are varying amounts of credit for electricity sent back to the grid during peak generation. The best is Pacific Power in parts of Lane county which gives full credit for the entire year. EWEB in Eugene is notably better than Springfield.

Introduction to interfaihearhkeepers.org – Ron H. with Philip B's help.

Recent Events:

- 1) OR -HB2020 - Sue C. kept us informed-Clean Energy Jobs Bill.
- 2) Salem-Climate Issues, 2/6 – 98% of the legislatures received groups of people visiting their offices.
- 3) Climate Citizen's Lobby, 1/27 (Eugene Library)- Ron H. was a training session.
- 4) That's My Farmer, 2/5 - Katherine H., Saturday April 13th @ FUMC, 11 to 2pm, sign-up to help.
- 5) Requested volunteer to make our monthly agenda. Know one volunteered.

Future Events:

- 1) Community Organizing for Climate Solutions - 6:00 to 8:30 pm at TBI, 2/21 – you must register.
- 2) Table sign-ups at PIELC, Sat. 3/2. Sue, Edith, Katherine, Rouanna & Philip watch Video @ table.
Table arranged at PIELC - Sue C. has arranged a table. ICJC sent info sheets for the table.
- 3) Salmon is Everything–Rouanna. They are not interested in help to bring to a larger audience.

4) IF Advocacy Day, 3/4 in Salem – Katherine H. & Merrily
Oregon Interfaith Advocacy Day: Raising Diverse Voices of Faith to Strengthen Oregon Communities, Monday, March 4, 2019, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Salem, Oregon. Hosted by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, it starts with a morning session at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Salem before an afternoon session at the capitol. Attend issue briefings and workshops on advocating for compassionate legislation on climate, criminal justice, health care, housing, hunger and immigration. Central Lutheran is arranging car pools but you must register before Feb. 25. General registration includes lunch--\$20.00. Contact Merrily Sutton (merrily_sutton@yahoo.com) if you would like to register through Central Lutheran.

5) Citizens Climate Lobby – On The Road for Climate Action - Rouanna, Donna, Allan Basic and youth oriented? We turned down request. Send suggestion they contact schools and universities.

Additions:

1) Merrily: The most recent **Sierra Club Magazine** (Jan.-Feb. 2019) had an extremely well-written article entitled, "*There Is No Planet B*", by Kim Stanley Robinson. Upload it to the EarthKeeper's Website.

2) Merrily: On Jan. 13, 2019, the Register-Guard carried an article about the stalemate between Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and the four conservation groups trying to negotiate an Oregon Wolf Plan. The groups have been trying to update the plan since 2015 but "revisions became mired in argument and repeated delays ensued." The state hired a professional facilitator last year to oversee the 5 scheduled meetings beginning last August. "But all four conservation groups involved pulled out of the discussions just before the last meeting. The groups said the state failed to seriously consider their proposals." The ORWC is set to vote in March. Merrily will draft a letter to the commission which EarthKeepers may sign, if they wish, to uphold the views of the conservation groups.

3) Eunice suggest video for website, Greening the Desert.

4) Len handed out copies of the Green New Deal.

5) Rouanna had FireWise brochures, in English & Spanish, to distribute to churches.

6) Sue asked for advertising \$ for Dan Mulholland event we are sponsoring at UUCE. We gave \$50 (cash donation).

- 7) Katherine Hel. Introduced us to “zine's. She made a climate informational zine for youth and we offered \$50 to pay for printing if she needs it and turns in a receipt.
- 8) Rouanna announced she is working to bring speakers that will address the Green New Deal.

March meeting is at Central Lutheran – 1857 Potter St.

Donna H. - Minutes Phil B. - Reading pg. 6, Geothermal

April meeting is at FUMC - 13th & Olive

Sue C. - Minutes Phillis W. - Reading pg ?

May Location?

Penny P. - Minutes Rouanna G. - Reading pg. 50, **Silvopasture**