

Interfaith EarthKeepers Minutes February 9, 2022

Present: Ron H, Sue C, Merrily S, Rouanna G, Katherine H, Mark L, Eunice K, Bob G, Cynthia B, Betsy H

Guests: Marion Malcolm, Carol Van Houten from Community Alliance of Lane County

CALC presentation

After a quick check in of members present, Marion Malcolm and Carol Van Houten presented a new program of CALC. It is **Reimagining National Security**. The premise is that we can't solve racism and climate change without dealing with militarism. The public launching of the program will be on zoom Sunday, April 3.

Education session

A discussion of the first 59 pages of **Braiding Sweetgrass** was held. We decided to read to **page 105** for the next meeting.

Earth Care Interfaith Fund brochures are available at St Mary's Episcopal Church. The cost is 10 cents per brochure. Call the church (541-343-9253) to let them know the number you would like and to find out when you can pick them up.

Letter writing

Merrily S reported that there has been no response from the UO facilities about the letters sent concerning energy sources. She will write a letter on behalf of EarthKeepers about HB 41-27 which deals with payments to ranchers for livestock deaths due to wolf predation.

Divest Oregon

We continue to follow this. Third Act has a pledge to sign agreeing to divest from fossil fuel investments. They are also organizing a coordinated closing in the future of bank accounts and credit cards of four major banks that still have fossil fuel investments.

Tree planting

There is no date established for this. It is still being planned for the future.

Earth Day

The film [Youth v. Gov](#) from Interfaith Power and Light will be shown at First Congregational Church, Central Lutheran Church and possibly others. Churches planning on showing it should contact Ron Hess. It can be shown from April 11 through May 1. It was suggested that it be shown before Earth Day to avoid conflict with other activities. Final decisions will be made at the March meeting. Mark L will try to contact Julia Olson to see if she can speak at one of the events.

EMO Summit

There was a quick summary of this event.

Meeting Time

It was agreed to continue meeting on the second Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30. Meetings will be on zoom through the August meeting.

New Business

Sue C reported on SB 1534 regarding the Elliott State Forest. There is information about this on the EarthKeepers blog on the website.

She also explained SB 1518 which deals with codes for energy systems allowed in buildings. It establishes codes more progressive than state codes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Submitted by Betsy H