

Earthkeepers Minutes March 11, 2020

Members present: Ruth Duemler, Sue Craig, Rouanna Garden, Edith Roberts, Betsy Halpern, Merrily Sutton (convener), Ron Hess, Allan Gubrud, Eunice Kjaer, David Stone

Ron expressed our appreciation to Rouanna for all her years of leading the group and presented her with a gift certificate.

There was a discussion the Earth Our Home event. Due to the Covid-19 virus, we decided to postpone it. It was decided to try and video tape some of the sessions and put them on-line with a possibility of rescheduling in the fall. Possible video sessions would be Mary Democker, Idling, Soil, That's My Farmer, Plant-based diet and Master Gardener presentation. Sue Craig will pursue the video maker.

Rouanna presented from Drawdown about energy storage. The reference is page 34 in the book. One of the problems of converting to alternative energy sources is affordable storage.

David Stone from Cascade Wildlands presented the actions the group is pursuing. They met with Senator Ron Wyden about the Douglas Fir National Monument. An auto tour of the area is scheduled for late June. They are trying to modify the timber sales from an 8000-acre site. They will identify the units with pictures with the hope of reducing the size or eliminating it altogether. David also encouraged letter writing and mentioned that there are letter writing workshops. (Most likely these are cancelled as of now.)

Merrily will email the letter from OSPIRG about supporting 100% electric buses at LTD with the endorsement of the Earthkeepers.

The discussion about printing cost to Len Hockley was tabled until more information is available.

There was a reminder of the movie *Pollinators* at 6:30 on March 12.

We discussed other movies. Eunice has one and *Earth, Air, Water, Fire* is available on line. (The movie *The Condor and the Eagle* was postponed.) *Fantastic Fungi* will be shown at UUCE.

Report on presentation by Elizabeth Rush was that it was not really instructional for climate change because it was more a reference to Hurricane Sandy.

Ron discussed the Stop Fossil Fuels demonstrations. He will be rethinking and retooling the next steps. Extinction Rebellion is demonstrating weekly at noon in front of Chase Bank. We might coordinate with them.

Merrily presented the Idling poster. People agreed to send letters to the following school principals: Camas Ridge, Adams, Jefferson Veneta, Elmira and Edison.

Treasury balance is approximately \$400. Penny is gone. When she returns, we will have a more accurate update.

It was suggested we send letters of thanks to Governor Brown for her executive order on carbon emissions. Sue Craig has already sent a letter.

Announcements

Rouanna said that copper and brass handles will kill bacteria and viruses. On-line sources agree, but state that more research needs to be done.

Three months is the minimum to plan for any event. A larger event like the Earth Our Home will take a longer lead time.