

Minutes for Interfaith EarthKeepers Online Meeting  
Wednesday April 13, 2022, 12-1:30pm

Moderator: Sue C

Minutes: Ron H

Present: Ruth D, Dennis R, Rouanna G, Cynthia B, Sue C, Mark L, Ron C, Ron H, Bob G.

Check in: The focus of the discussion was special meals enjoyed recently.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Lane County Climate Action plan: Dennis reported on recent testimony he provided. He recommends Pope Francis' statement. Climate action has now passed with modifications that are being analyzed.
2. Eugene City Council had a work session regarding electrification for future buildings. 90 people signed up, and 60 were able to speak. The major issue, causing considerable industry opposition, is whether gas will be allowed in new buildings in the future. Decision making is still in progress, with the final ordinance language pending. State building codes are part of this consideration.
3. Plans for Earth Week: Friends Meeting will also be showing the I P&L film Youth v Gov, in addition to First Congregational and Central Lutheran. FCC will also be having a creation justice presentation, and they are beginning plastic recycling. Friends has experience with plastic recycling and is currently researching avoidance options. They will be participating in the Interfaith Power & Light filmmaker discussion on Sunday, joining in a national day of prayer, and focusing on unity with the earth throughout the week. The Unitarian Universalist Church has support from their minister who is giving an Earth Day Sunday sermon. Their Earth Action group is focused on community service, and will have booths and sign up opportunities for a variety of actions including recycling.
4. Email communication list usage: we now have a working list of about 15 names with addresses visible, as opposed to blind copy of messages to the entire group. Anyone wishing to join this visible list can do so by simply asking. Group support for the wide variety of ongoing and new issues was discussed, as well as procedures for getting EK support. A request can be made through any of the current three co-moderators.
5. Information on wolves and CALC issues deferred to next meeting, as Merrily S and Marion M unable to attend.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. [350.org](http://350.org) video home tour discussed by Dennis, sponsorship approved
2. Opportunity provided for new leadership participation. We are an all volunteer group with informal leadership.
3. River cleanup to be considered as option for future action.
4. Ivy pulling event coming up for Springfield in May, information to be provided on the website, most likely the daily news blog.
5. Tree planting events available for Friends of Trees. A tree steward program is being discussed. Further information be be provided online as available.
6. Parenting Workshops on Resilience April 30, May 1, are free at First Congregational Church. Resilience is important not only because the lack of time to institute needed changes to protect the earth, but also because we are living through a period of increased general distress in our communities that is particularly difficult for young people and their parents.
7. July Olympic World Track Meet is expected to result in 200,000 visitors to the area. This should provide us a large audience for our messaging. Discussion to be continued.
8. Hybrid meetings continue to be researched, with the required minimal technology potentially acquired soon by Ron H. Efforts to be ongoing since in-person meetings seem likely at some point this year.

Education Session: “Braiding Sweetgrass” discussed, including individual discussion of impact of our connections and responsibilities to the earth. The reading for next month is p.204-267

Next Meeting Online May 11, 2022 at 12 noon  
Moderator, Ron H, Minutes, Merrily S