

MINUTES for Interfaith Earthkeepers April 8, 2020

Welcome to all: Ron H, Rouanna G, Katharine , Ron C, Betsy H., Brian L, Merrily S, Phyllis W, Phyllis H, Keith O, David S, Eunice K  
Special thanks to Jeffrey L, who joined us to help with tech needs.

We had a practice Zoom meeting earlier in the week.  
We will have an additional Zoom/tech session at 1:30 pm. this Sat. April 11.

This was our first Zoom meeting for our whole group. We are all sheltering in place because of the Corona Virus. All are well (and some of us are fatter) as we practice physical distancing.

David Stone will be with Cascadia Wildlands, to look at the special attributes of several areas that we hope will be designated The Douglas Fir National Monument. David will keep us posted on progress.

Katharine presented on the following:

The book is Rooted and Rising: Voices of Courage in a Time of Climate Crisis by The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas and the Rev. Leah D. Schade

1. Science matters
2. How we treat the natural world affects our well-being
3. The sooner we mobilize for action, the less suffering will take place
4. We have the ability to make drastic changes very quickly
5. All of us are vulnerable to crisis, though unequally
6. Holding on to a vision of a just, peaceful and sustainable Earth will give us strength for the future.

Also referred to was an article in The Guardian "Tip of the Iceberg: is our destruction of nature responsible for Covid-19?"

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/mar/18tip-of-the-iceberg-is-our-destruction-of-nature-responsible-for-covid-19-aoe>

Also mentioned was another article on <https://www.earthday.org/7-eco-friendly-actions-for-kids-during-the-pandemic/>

7 eco-friendly actions for kids during the pandemic

1. Attend or host a virtual teach-in
2. Download the Earth Challenge app
3. Try some delicious plant-based cuisine
4. Make a plan to cut down on plastic pollution
5. Learn new ways to protect our species
6. Create eco-art
7. Join EARTHRISE and make an Earth Day Poster

We will continue to have this segment in our meetings....10 min. presentations, tho for the time being, we will not pass around “Draw Down” which we have used for some time. Betsy has our copy.

We worked for a few minutes on technical issues.

Since Rouanna facilitated our meetings from 7/15 to 10/19, and due to her request, we have worked to change the Facilitator process. At present (and we can change any time) Merrily, Ron H., and Sue will exchange the positions of Facilitator and Minute Taker on a month to month rotation. All Agenda items will be given to the Facilitator of the coming month. They in turn will be given to Ron to get up on the Web site. Hopefully we can do this by the beginning of the 4th week of the month.

Rouanna does not have direct access to our bank account since Penny is away. But it was voted and approved that she will send \$100 to Ron to help cover the costs of our Zoom account, and \$50 to Len to donate to St. Mary's Episcopal to help with their new printer, from which we have received many lovely color brochures. Rouanna can do this by checks that we do have for the account.

Merrily is working on the Idling is Exhausting work, the school portion being on hold

secondary to  
school recess for the remainder of the school year, again secondary to THE VIRUS.

Merrily reported that Interfaith Power and Light will have free movies available on their website from April 17 to April 26. This would be good to put on our Church info sites. Ron H. will get the information on our website, Front and Center for all to use.

There is a menu on our Website that includes Poetry, Art and Music.

Keith will further explore the poetry to be used for our April 25<sup>th</sup> Zoom Presentation. We are continuing to explore what we want for our presentation and met previously to make a plan for the process.

Ron wished to put fossil fuels Bank loan support on hold, but was encouraged to come up with a new plan, as none of this is going away.

Keith noted that only the Federal Courts are open, and this puts all other Gov. Court levels at a disadvantage.

Merrily reported on the OIPL film, The Human Element, created by Earth Vision Films who did Chasing Ice, The Cove, and Racing Extinction. Photographer is James Balog. Film is being provided free by OIPL in honor of Earth Day.

Brian reported that Corvallis is still working toward carbon effect funds, but is now bogged down with a memorandum of understanding with some of the group.

It was decided that for our April 25 presentation, that at least Merrily, Rouanna, Ron H. will give 3 minutes presentations on their particular areas as teasers for more information on our Website. Plus Katherine and Keith.

Sue will contact Bob Granger to see if he will help with some of the introduction/welcoming...Keith will start us off. Mary will be contacted to ascertain her needs.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Craig

Sue will be our next Facilitator,  
Merrily will take notes  
Keith will present on some environmental subject...10 min.