

Minutes, Interfaith EarthKeepers Hybrid Meeting  
May 10, 2023

Attendees: Ruth D, Cynthia B, Keith O, Sue C, Ron H, Dennis R,  
Rouanna G, Marie R, Britni C

Moderator: Dennis R, Minutes: Britni C

## **Old Business**

1. Bank account: There is currently \$320 in the EK account. Marie will help Rouanna and work on making the account more accessible.
2. Hybrid in-person online meetings: This will continue every month at various places of worship. Next location to be determined.
3. Fossil Free Eugene and Northwest Natural: In February, the Eugene City Council voted 5:2 on no new residential gas hookups. Northwest Natural Gas, with support from Eugene Chamber of Commerce, has had a petition out to get this issue on the November ballot. NWN has already spent \$1 million and has pledged to spend \$4 million. [Fossil Free Eugene](#) is looking into different strategies for electrification options that already exist. They are waiting on information regarding rules from the Inflation Reduction Act. They are also working with the Eugene/Springfield NAACP on targeted workshops.  
  
[Yes for Eugene](#) is waiting to see what comes out of the City of Berkley. Last month, there was an important ruling by the 9th Circuit Court which may reverse the country's first electrification ordinance in Berkeley, CA. and may affect what happens in Eugene. Berkley has requested a rehearing. Breach Collective and Cascadia Wild legal staff are reviewing the issue.

The fight over natural gas in Eugene has received national attention. The Washington Post recently published an [article](#), and Eugene has received attention from Bill McKibben and Jane Fonda.

4. New Educational Ideas:
  - Book: Nature's Best Hope by Douglas Tallamy

- Information on old growth forests: Sue will bring resources to the next meeting
- Invite guest speakers
- Invite media: Rouanna will invite someone from KEPW

## **New Business**

1. UU Earth Action Monthly Film series: [Rumble](#) - Tuesday, May 23rd; Doors open at 6:30pm; film starts at 7:00pm.
  - Ideas to include more folks? Please get the word out.
2. Turtle Flats Update: UU will be offering a hike to Turtle Flats. The Earth Day SOLVE event had a great turnout.
3. [Oregon Interfaith Hub](#): Executive Director Rev. Ed Conrad met with EarthKeepers on May 11th to discuss the relationship between both groups. OIFH used to do a monthly gathering; now they meet every other month at UU.
4. Eloheh Center (Randy Woodley's place): They host a work party every last Saturday of the month. [Sign up online](#). Tasks include weeding and construction projects. Their learning center currently has a [wishlist](#) for furniture.
5. Brochures for EarthKeepers and the Earth Care Fund can be printed at St. Mary's church.
6. Keith has been attending workshops on Indigenous knowledge, restoring the land, and the land back movement. He mentioned interest in planning a future event and/or outreach to congregations on these topics.

**Next Meeting: June 14, 2023 online and in person (location TBD) at 12pm**

Moderator: Ron H.

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