

EARTHKEEPER MINUTES
May 8, 2019 First Christian Church

In attendance: Sue C, Rouanna G, Allan G, Len H, Phyllis H, Katharine H, Penny P, Edith R, Jane S, Jerry S, Merrily S, Phyllis W, Ron H, and Dave S.

Drawdown: Merrily S discussed Land Use, Coastal Wetlands ... p. 112 and #52 ranking. She disagreed with this ranking, arguing that the damages and benefits should rank it higher in importance. Coastal wetlands, made up of salt marshes, mangroves, and sea grasses. They sequester huge amounts of carbon. In addition, they shield coastal communities from the impact of rising oceans. Many have been cleared away to make way for shrimp farms, palm plantations, condo developments, and golf courses. Of the 121 million acres of coastal wetlands globally, only 18 million acres are protected today. The discussion ended with Rouanna suggesting that it was time to have Merrily's daughter back for another presentation about this issue, Blue Carbon.

PAST EVENTS:

That's My Farmer- Katherine H talked about the April 13 event at First United Methodist Church. It made a little less money than last year, AND attendees had a very enjoyable time. WIC and Master food preservers there to provide information, and a few farmers sold CSA's. There was a lot of interest in the low income fund. Rouanne told us to take down info about Ruby & Amber farm as they will not be doing CSA's this year.

Climate Songs Music for Mother Earth - April 12, 2019 Sue C said this was a very successful event. It was easy to organize and well attended. Sue presented \$102 to Penny for the Earthkeepers share of the income. \$50 went to UU for building costs and another \$102 went to Sue and UU Earth Action. The \$50 given to Philip Bayles was returned. It was decided to donate that money to the Buford Park Native Plant Nursery in Philip's name. The \$50 was funded \$25 by EK's share and \$25 by UU Earth Action share.

Raise Salmon, Not Shasta Dam - Edith Roberts reported on attending this event on April 12 sponsored by Showing Up for Racial Justice. It presented good information.

Facing Environmental Crisis through Science Justice April 22 event featured scientist Dr. Bill Ripple who talked about wolves and how they have transitioned Yellowstone Park. He discussed both the benefits of wild large predators and the costs of their demise. Some thought his presentation was excellent ... although it didn't leave much time for DeFazio.

Springfield Town hall discussion April 18, 2019. Very informative information against clearcutting. We lose biodiversity and cause destruction to water, soil, and wildlife. Many states don't allow clearcutting and Oregon has the weakest forestry legislation in the country. We learned about Thurston Hills and how the BLM manages them, :^(

Jordon Cove Permit denied Good news! Rouanna pointed out that the economics of the whole project don't pencil out, learned at a PIELC talk.

Support for H.R. 763 – Ron Hess passed out a Resolution to have the City of Eugene sign urging the U.S. Congress to enact the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763**. This is a work in progress and he is asking for help in gathering support from city leaders before it is presented to the City Council for approval. Please contact Ron to help in Eugene. Rouanna will work on this for Springfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NAACP Memorial Day BBQ - May 27 at Washington Park 12PM-5PM. Bring an appetizer in a dish that you don't want back. There will be a donation basket, plenty of food, and a water feature for kids. The Hispanic community is being invited ... Without ICE.

Informational talks at the Eugene Public Library: 6:00-7:30 PM

May 14 – Transforming Transportation

May 20 – Water-wise Home

Climate Science and Solution –May 28 at the UU church 6:30-8:00 Dr. Shahir Masri.

Green Island Open House: - Saturday, June 1 7:30 am – 4 PM Sponsored by the McKenzie River Trust. There will be guided walks. Bring lunch, liquid, a good hat and sun screen. Meet at Campbell Senior Center to carpool at 10 AM. Please have an idea how to get there.

A Clean Energy Revolution – June 7th at Central Lutheran –7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 - Sue C is MC – Advanced Energy Designs will be tabling. Popcorn Poppers please come by 5:45pm. We approved Merrily to purchase Lemonade.

EV Club – coming to town to help those who want to know more about electric vehicles and for EV owners to share and visit.

Sent summary of what we did JULY 2018 thru June 2019: Thank-you Rouanna

Update on Oregon HB 2020 -84 – Sue C – There have been lots of hearings around the state. Amendments have been made. The bill is still in process, but 350 in Oregon says “we’re happy with the bill.” It should be ready soon. Please tell your reps you fully support this bill.

Proposed Douglas Fir National Monument presented by Dave Stone

- ! They want to bring the forest back to what it wants to be
- ! From Breitenbush Hot Springs to Iron Mountain
- ! E.O. Wilson **Half-Earth** plan – this is our ½ of the earth
- ! This would be a Federal Monument
- ! www.douglasfirnationalmonument for information
- ! Auto or hiking tours of the area
- ! Wildflower Fest at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum - Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Festival hours are 10 am to 5 pm. Suggested Donation \$10

We Resist – Bulletin board idea presented by Phyllis W. “We Resist” from April 17 shows Notre Dame burning and a chimpanzee. “This week a church caught fire and a turtle became extinct. Which is more important?”

Next Meetings:

June 12th – Car Pool to Sue Craig’s House. Leave from UUCE at 11:15 AM. Bring a guest and something to eat (ingredients included, please) May want hat and sun screen. Sue invites those who wish to stay and hike to the lake. This is a potluck and meeting.

Min: Jane S. Drawdown: Rouanna pg 50, Silvopasture

July 10th – UUCE

Min: Ruth D. Drawdown: Donna H. pg 2 Wind Turbines, pg 23 Micro Wind

August 14th – 1st Christian

Min: ?? Drawdown: Jane S. pg ?

Submitted by Merrily S and Penny P