

Minutes for Interfaith Earthkeepers Eugene/Springfield 6-8-2022

Present : Ron H., Merrily, Phyllis and Len H., Rouanna, Cynthia, Dennis, Mark, Catharine, Bob, Betsy, Carl, Sue

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Report on meeting by Dennis, Carl, and Merrily with County Commissioner Laurie Trieger concerning Lane County Climate Action Plan. All felt it was worthwhile, and positive with good sharing of our concerns. It would be good if we can find ways to "Broadcast" information concerning the Climate Action Plan to the community.
- 2) The Reimagining National Security presentation is postponed until Aug. or Sept.
- 3) Earth Care Interfaith Fund; a meeting with Len, Merrily, Rouanna, Phyllis H. and folks from McKenzie River Trust and Long Tom watershed Council, was very helpful. The funds are shared between the two entities, and are often used to "match" when grants are secured with need for matching funds. The funds are used widely and well.
- 4) We voted no, on a suggestion to table in the International Track events.
- 5) We will participate in a River Clean up and fun afternoon Sunday, Aug. 14 from 2-4. Mark will give us more details, and is working with SOLVwe will take a specific area to clean. Thanks for organizing this Mark. Other faith groups will participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Pros and Cons of government regulation vs free market carbon fee with dividend. Carl and Ron H.
- 2) New Interfaith Earthkeepers Brochure....Sue will facilitate production.
- 3) Urban Tree planting...Sue sent out article
- 4) Urban Tree Forestry Comm. Of Eug./ Sustainability Commission, NAACP equity tree planting. Dennis reported . Much of this is on hold until City staff, and NAACP have plans worked out. Mark reported that he is working to have IE work on a tree planting day for Churches/youth . Possibly in Sept. Cynthia, Dennis and Mark contributed to this discussion.
- 5) Meetings with Aides to Senators Merkley and Wyden through IPL. Ron and Sue reported on their involvement.
- 6) Discussion of "Braiding Sweetgrass" Sue will send copies to all the Board of Oregon Dept. of Forestry. If you would like to help, just send a donation to IE through Penny.

Next Meeting Online: July 13 12:00 to 1:30

Moderator : Sue

Minutes: Ron... "Braiding Sweetgrass" pages 310 to end.