

Minutes, Interfaith EarthKeepers of Eugene/Springfield
July 13, 2022 Online Meeting
Moderator: Sue C, Minutes: Ron H

Attendees: Rouanna G, Bob G, Eunice K, Sue C, Phyllis and Len H, Cynthia B, Mark L, Britni C, Katharine H, Ron H, Penny P

Old Business

- 1) Lane County Climate Action Plan - no new information available
- 2) Reimagining National Security presentation postponed until Aug. or Sept.
- 3) Earth Care Interfaith Fund - no updates
- 4) River Clean up is Sunday, Aug. 14 from 2-4pm, with signups to be announced next week, and posted on the daily blog. The area is north of the bridge at Mt. Pisgah, and includes approximately a mile of river and adjacent trails. Participants should bring gloves, a water bottle and sunscreen.
- 5) The Lane County Bicycle Master Plan is now complete and is quite strong with outstanding funding. The July 19 hearing before Lane County Planning Commission should be attended to provide support, if possible.
- 6) Plans for an updated Interfaith EarthKeepers brochure require a digital file to be edited and converted to print capable version. People will check for copies of the old version and send to Ron who will work on an updated version.
- 7) Plans for tree planting are being developed for September, update pending next month
- 8) Virginia's Calling was seen in person by members of First Congregational Church. The 30 minute film of experience of a local activist was informative.

New Business

- 1) The issue of plastics in water is deferred until Merrily's return.
- 2) Leadership changes discussed since Merrily will be unable to participate for now. Britni C is willing to do the minutes of meetings, with Ron and Sue continuing to moderate the monthly meetings. Mark will help with leadership next year when his schedule is less tight.
- 3) Pacific Northwest Forest Climate Alliance is encouraging us to be engaged in management of our forests, as they are important for carbon storage. President Biden has asked for an audit of policies to protect old growth and mature trees, but forest service plans include considerable logging. This Saturday comments will be taken for the next 30 days regarding such old growth logging. Information on opportunities for comment will be forthcoming, and published on daily blog.

Education Discussion: Braiding Sweetgrass, p310 to end. This book is a common read for U of O, and Sue is sending copies to the Board of Forestry and foresters. Our members continue to find it a source of insight and inspiration.

Next Meeting Online: August 10 12:00 to 1:30pm

Moderator : Ron H

Minutes: Britni C

Education Session: Because of it's importance to us, we will continue a general discussion of Braiding Sweetgrass in August.