

Interfaith Earthkeepers  
July 8, 2020 Minutes

Present at meeting: Ron H, Ron C, Eunice, Merrily, Penny, Bob, Jenny, Helen, Keith, Rouanna, Sue.

Jenny Gordon was introduced as our presenter, and spoke on “Resilience”, as we deal with Climate Change plus the Pandemic. As a Psychologist, she is interested in ideas from many resources, including information from Kathleen Dean Moore, and American Psychology Assoc. Jungian Psychology explores “What the world hangs on”. She encouraged us to think in terms of this being a “Transition Time”. Find something in collective stories to use to help. Use these ideas of Transition, as a Rite of Passage. She identified a variety of problems, and gave us a list of really good resources to guide us through this difficult time.

1. Resiliency Programs : for individuals and groups

(1) “Roots of Resilience in Uncertain Times”, a 5 session webinar

([gowildinstitute.org](http://gowildinstitute.org); Joanna Macy/Molly Brown)

(2) “The Journey of Grief” through AlliesOnTheJourney.com, 7 session webinar

(3) Francis Weller’s Book: ***The Wild Edge of Sorrow: Rituals of Renewal and the Sacred Work of Grief. The Threshold Between Loss and Revelation***

Podcast: <https://embodimentmatters.com/in-the-absence-of-the-ordinary-a-conversation-with-francis-weller/>

Weller’s website: [francisweller.net](http://francisweller.net)

“An Apprenticeship with Sorrow”, a 4 session webinar

(4) Transformational Resilience webinars: many... <http://www.theresourceinnovationgroup.org/>

(5) Good Grief Network: [goodgriefnetwork.mn.co/feed](http://goodgriefnetwork.mn.co/feed)

(6) Postdoom.com This is the work of Michael Dowd

‘Finding Meaning in the Dark: Postdoom Thinking and Living’ a lecture by Michael:

<https://youtu.be/wt03fIFdCVE>

(7) CarolynBaker.net Among her amazing books/daily news digest/webinars/interviews – here is a video of a talk she gave in Eugene:

<https://youtu.be/hfNulF668MQ>

(8) Eugene’s Death Café – a forum for discussing issues pertaining to death

Along these lines, FUMC’s ‘Mapping my Exit’ class.

Community Engagement Opportunities

CAP2.0 City of Eugene – lacking 40% needed to meet goals – write letters!

Lane County Climate Action Advisory Committee  
appointed by Lane County Commissioners IS COMING

Resilience Coordinating Council MAY BE COMING

Eugene Carbon Free Challenge – <https://350eugene.org/>

Merrily had a Letter to the Editor published in the RG, concerning Car Idling issue. YEA!

Plastic. Sue had no real plan or information concerning our desire to make this a project for IE. She did present that BP has sold their Petrochemical portion of their corporation, and that petrochemical business will probably be pushed....plastics plants, since the price of oil has dropped, and for awhile, anyway, not that much gas has been sold for vehicles.

Merrily is working to put together .....from everyone, a list of items that we can buy in bulk, with our own containers. Rouana has information on this that was shared. The question arose on who might have a website concerning local recycling. Keith informed us of the problem that is a concern, of nurdles....preplastic beads, that are being spread to the detriment of our environment.

The Frontline presentation was mentioned again. ELAW has a link on their Blog for "Break free from plastic.org."

Sue will again contact persons that were previously contacted who still are not attending our meetings.

We discussed again presenting the movie "The Human Connection". Many of us have seen it. It was suggested that we do a Doodle Poll concerning whether to show it or not. No one has stepped up to arrange the Doodle Poll.

Rouanna told of Robin Kimmer presenting for McKenzie River Trust. Robin Wall Kimmerer, (currently listed as a foremost environmental author, along with Rachel Carson and Annie Dillard, in an article in this month's Smithsonian Mag.), author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

Ron Reported for Doug Stone who is totally involved with preserving Rivers, as this progresses through Government protection. The Douglass Fir Website will have information, which we can use to support the Wild and Scenic Rivers designation.

Keith was asking us to be concerned about the process he sees going on, of cutting out of the dictionary, words that we use as people who are in tune with nature, in order to put in tech words. Keith is talking about creating an environmental dictionary of words/terms which the general population may not know meanings for such as "drawdown", "cap and trade", "sequestration", etc. He was inviting all our members to contribute words to the "dictionary" and suggested that we could put the compilation on our website for the general population to access

Merrily talked of the new Forest legislation in Oregon. It was suggested that we look up and be familiar with this legislation. It concerned rules for the Forest Industry to do with spraying, etc.

Ron noted that Climate justice is quite important to many concerned climate voters. He commented that the carbon fee dividend bill in Congress, HR 763, (Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act) has significant climate justice effects. A Columbia University study demonstrated that Paris Accord guidelines were achieved mostly in the power generation sector. This results in dramatic improvement in air pollution affecting vulnerable people, particularly black, indigenous and other people of color.

Next Month, Sue will do agenda and Lead the Meeting.

Keith will do minute taking and then lead and do the agenda in Sept., if all works out as planned.

Ron suggested that perhaps more folks would like to help with "Leadership". Keith stepped up and agreed to help. So...we now have Merrily, Ron, Keith, and Sue who will do minutes, and meeting Agenda, and Meeting Leadership.