

## **EK Minutes - September 11, 2019**

**Attendees:** Merrily S, Keith O, Penny P, Sue C, Rouanna G, Eunice K, Ron H, Allan G, Phyllis W, Julia C, Ron C, Stan B, Patty H, Christa K.

United Lutheran's new interim pastor, Stan Berntson was introduced by Eunice.

**Drawdown Discussion:** Eunice K discussed Composting and Biochar pages. Composting involves anything edible. Pits, like from avocados, and bones are usable. Even better is to avoid food waste because of the carbon pollution required for standard agricultural production, transportation and storage. Currently only about 40% of unused food products are composted. Biochar is charcoal used as a soil amendment and a carbon capture strategy. It endures in soil for thousands of years while enhancing fertility. It is remarkable because its micropore structure results in a huge surface area available for retaining water and nutrients.

### **Recent Events**

The movie "A Fierce Green Fire", shown at First Christian Church, documented climate degradation and unsuccessful efforts in the past. Sponsored by the NAACP, it was well attended.

The Eugene Carbon Free Challenge has been issued. To join, go to [werenew.net/westernor/eugene](http://werenew.net/westernor/eugene) You may join an existing team or group, or create a new one. When your energy profile is completed, be sure to click the option that includes the word "save". Questions can be sent by email to [eugenecarbonfreechallenge@350Eugene.org](mailto:eugenecarbonfreechallenge@350Eugene.org).

Emerald Valley Electric Vehicle Association: Recent meeting was well attended, as was the Sunday Sept 8 Ride & Drive at Wildcraft Cider Works. Come to the next EVEVA meeting to get more information about getting one for yourself. Cash rebates of \$2500 are available from GoElectricOregon, free plug in chargers are available through downtown Eugene.

### **Future Considerations**

Ocean Health focus, Blue Carbon, Blue New Deal

Forest Health, excellent option given the economic importance in Oregon

Improved Outreach efforts, including possible small group to engage visitors in activity they would find exciting and fun, targeted outreach to clergy and directly to local congregations.

### **Future Activities**

Paris to Pittsburgh Movie at UU Church in Eugene this Friday night. We have 10 cosponsoring groups. Doors open at 630pm, movie at 7pm. Keith O. is MC, AV to be done by volunteer without cost, so we will donate \$50 to UUCE for their custodial costs. A professional photographer is coming. After the discussion, Patty H. will remind everyone of the importance of the Global Climate Strike next Friday downtown at noon.

Slow Walks with Keith O. are available for seniors who desire moderated activity outdoors.

Lane County Commissioners are still gathering input for a Climate Action Plan from local groups. Regenerative agriculture has been suggested.

Plastic Recycling is to occur on a Saturday in October at First Christian Church. More details to follow.

Global Climate Strike, Sept 20-27 discussed by Patty H. Sunrise Eugene is involved here in Eugene as well as nationwide. Eugene Climate Coalition is supporting the youth. Posters and Buttons provided, most important event is Friday Sept 20 at noon at 8th and Oak. Additional events detailed on 350EUG website.

Civil disobedience discussed by Christa K. This strategy has arisen from many decades of failure of more traditional methods of protest. It is increasingly being considered by a few members of faith groups, with Extinction Rebellion having provided leadership by example in the financial district of London during the last global youth climate strike. Extinction Rebellion is pushing for a halt to biodiversity loss, carbon neutrality by 2025, and a citizens' assembly for discussion and decision making that is not occurring through routine governmental processes.

**Next meeting** October 9, 2019 at Central Lutheran Church, 1857 Potter St, Eugene.