Minutes, Interfaith EarthKeepers Online Meeting  
September 14, 2022

Attendees: Ron H, Britni C, Sue C, Bob G, Cynthia B, Mark L  
Moderator: Sue C, Minutes: Britni C

Old Business

1. Lane County Climate Action Plan: EK members encouraged to read the plan and use the feedback form to provide feedback to commissioners. The advisory committee has been temporarily adjourned, there will be a new Climate Strategist, and there will be some commissioner changes. Let's keep an eye on this to ensure that they follow through.

2. That's My Farmer dinner: Pick up or eat at Party Downtown, 64 W 8th Alley, Eugene. Proceeds go to low income people in the community. Date: October 17  Cost: $50  Contact: Katharine 541 607 0106, keehhunt@gmail.com

3. Earth Care Interfaith Fund: The Interfaith Fund will be given an award by the Long Tom Watershed Council September 24, Betsy will report at next meeting.

4. River Clean up Sunday, Aug.14th: This went well!

5. Updated Interfaith EarthKeepers brochure: Ron will continue to work on this when he has time, unless another member would like to help.

6. Tree planting plans for September: On hold for now. If someone would like to take this on, please reach out.

7. Protecting mature and old growth forests: Over 142,000 comments were submitted to the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management on how to define and inventory mature and old-growth trees. The Climate Forests Coalition includes 110 groups that are supporting the effort. Rallies at regional Forest Service offices, including Oregon, are planned for Oct - mid Nov. in the build up to COP27. Date and time for Portland to be posted on the daily blog. (Rally in Portland on Thursday, Oct 6th at 3:30 at South Hawthorne Waterfront Park to protest corporations bankrolling deforestation. Click here to fill out carpooling from Eugene form.)

8. Divest Oregon: Earthkeepers are a member of the coalition. They are currently working on 2023 legislation. The Treasury recently released a redacted climate risk assessment report. Ways to get involved include joining a committee, attending candidate town hall meetings and asking questions related to divestment, and attending and/or speaking at an Oregon Investment Council meeting. Click here to sign up. The next meeting is on October 26th.
New Business

1. Sept 17th SOLVE River Clean up at Alton Baker Park: Cynthia is going

2. Sept 24th SOLVE Invasive Species Removal at Buford Park/Mt. Pisgah: organized by Mark L

3. Clean Cars Oregon Coalition: EKs Joined

4. NYC Climate Week, Sept 19-23: See blog post Sept 17 for more information on this large important event.

5. Faiths 4 Climate Justice International Month of Action is October 2 to Nov 6, leading up to COP27. Over 200 organizations internationally are participating.

6. (Added after meeting) The documentary film Elemental (on wildfire in the west) is fantastic and Eugene Art House has added additional showings through 9/22.

Discussion Topics

1. Ron is taking a UofO Lifelong Learning class on climate change and national security.

2. Eugene Friends Giving Gateway Project is giving to Randy Woodley’s Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice in Yamhill, Oregon.

Education Discussion

Becoming Rooted by Randy Woodley. Some didn’t have the book yet; those who started reading briefly shared their takeaways. We plan to read the first 15 meditations by the next meeting.

Next Meeting Online: October 12, 12:00 to 1:30pm
Moderator: Ron H
Minutes: Britni C