

Interfaith EarthKeepers Minutes , April 23, 2025

Location: First Congregational Church, 12:00-1:30

Moderator: Mark Lindberg

Attending Ron Rains, Dennis Reynolds, Mark Lindberg, Tom Boyd, Katherine Hirt, Theresa O'Brien, Sue Craig, Ron Hess, Katherine O'Brien, Cynthia Black

Invocation

Mark shared reading from Pope Francis which helped shape the check-in as many referenced his work connecting climate justice to faith as significant

Continuing Issues / Events

Information was shared about these events

- Turtle Flats Habitat Restoration Event, Saturday, 5/3, 9:00-12:00 (work party), 12:00-1:00 Nursery Open House
- Stronger Together Interfaith Potluck, St. Mary's Episcopal 5/4, 5:30-7:30
The QR Code for this was shared
- Swing For Democracy, 4/25, Vet's Club Flyer for this was shared with meeting invitation
- Willow Conservancy Community Forestry Workshop 4/28
(willowconservancy.com)
- Pride Tabling on 6/28 was not something we echo to do though
Katherine is seeking volunteers to help with hospitality at the event. We will have EarthKeepers and Earth Care Fund brochures available
- SMNR's (Small Modular Nuclear Reactors) are being potentially made allowable via current legislative action
- HB 3365 Climate Education Bill has passed in the House now to Senate
as has HB 3932 The Beavers and Water Quality Bill
- Amanda, Lookout Eugene/Springfield attending our May 28th meeting,
Future guests were discussed but now decision was made options included someone from McKenzie River Trust or OCERA
- A number of us attended the Hands Off Rally and noted that there was little comment on Climate Justice from speakers. Katherine and Britini have been attending the Activist Coalition of Eugene Meeting (ACEs) and we hope to let them know that we are interested in being included. Though we were not ready to be a formal endorser of such actions, we agreed that EarthKeeper representatives being present and seeking ways to support a faith based approach to climate justice as consistent with our goals

- Reimagine Earth Day was described as a successful event and EarthKeepers may want to table next years
- Interfaith Clergy United continues to meet and sponsor the potlucks with additional event possible Mark attends and Dennis will begin to do so
- The City of Eugene budget is facing deep cuts this summer as a ballot Referendum on the so-called Fire Fee, which would generate needed revenue, will not happen until November

We had good discussion of Hope in Dark Time before adjourning the meeting