

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE) Minutes

Date: February 24th, 2019

Time 7:00 pm

Present: Dean, Pat, Richard, Judy, Doug

Eco-Faith Summit

Pat plans to attend this event at Bethlehem Lutheran on Saturday March 30th and has BLUE materials to provide information to any interested participants.

“Jeanette Rankin: Champion of Persistence”

All members in attendance plan to attend this play hosted by the Lakes Area Move to Amend group at the Tornstrom Auditorium at 7:00 pm on Saturday March 30th. BLUE is co-hosting the event and will have a table to display information on our group. The play is preceded by a reception at 6:00 pm and the performer will entertain a discussion on Congresswoman Rankin after the presentation. Please plan to attend if you are able.

Earth Day Presentation

Instructors Scott Foster and David Kobilka are hosting Chris Conry of the Minnesota 100% Campaign at 12:00 pm on Wednesday April 24th for a presentation in the Chalberg Theater on the CLC campus. BLUE anticipates having a presence to disseminate information on the Earth Day March the following Saturday. Please plan to attend this presentation if you are able.

Earth Day March

BLUE will host a march from Gregory Park to NW 4th St for a vigil and then return to the park on Saturday, April 27th, beginning at 10 a.m. A poster has been created and information will be distributed in a separate mailing. Please save this date and plan to participate.

Treasurer

Pat is still trying to connect with Isaiah to establish a BLUE bank account now that she has received the required identifying information from the state. We did not discuss the possibility of creating organization by-laws needed to gain tax exempt status.

Periodic letters to the Editor

Dean, Judi, and Pat committed to submitting letters to the editor over the first three weeks in April. Other members are encouraged to join the rotation. As a reminder, the website engage@newmode.net has templates on a variety of topics. Please forward notice of your published letters to Dean for tracking at brainerdblue@gmail.com. BLUE events are tracked under a separate tab in the same Excel workbook.

Other Business

Larry remains stranded in Venezuela after his second flight home has been cancelled per an email received this morning (03/25/19). In the letter he forwarded a request from Chris Conry of MN 100% that our group schedule an in-district meeting with Senator Ruud during the recess week of April 12 – 22. Any volunteer(s) to lead this task would be appreciated, during this busy period. We hope for Larry's safe return in the near future.

BLUE's next scheduled monthly meeting will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 14th in the basement of the First Congregational United Church of Christ (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd).