

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Sunday August 11th 2019, 2:00 pm Monthly Meeting at UCC

Time 2:00; Present: Dean, Isaiah, Reema, Judi, Richard, Laurel, Beth, & Bob.

BUSINESS

- Candidate Environmental Scorecards:

Reviews were received from Pat, Richard & Judi, and Dean. Pat found no sites in links #21-30 that would assist in compiling a scorecard, Judi & Richard noted site #12 the 'Conservation Minnesota Voter Center' site may be useful, although it hasn't been updated for the 2019 legislative session, and Dean found site #1 the 'MPR News' link and site #10 the 'Clean Water Action: Minnesota' link may be helpful in compiling a candidate scorecard for local area elections.

- Global Climate Strike (Sept 20-27):

Isaiah expressed a preference for a Sunday event so he would be free to participate. Richard & Judi and Bob & Beth both have conflicts over the 1st weekend (20th-22nd). Bob & Beth have a relevant slide presentation they would be willing to share at an event. The large meeting room at the library was discussed as a possible venue, Isaiah said he would contact Doug to check on its availability during the week. We would need to schedule an on-line meeting in advance of the next monthly meeting to allow adequate time to prepare for the Climate Strike. All interested parties should please respond to the cover letter for these minutes if you are willing to participate or if you have input on the strike.

https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/08/14/well-wishes-greta-thunberg-teen-leader-sets-sail-us-combat-climate-and-ecological?cd-origin=rss&utm_term=AO&utm_campaign=Weekly%20Newsletter&utm_content=email&utm_source=Weekly%20Newsletter&utm_medium=Email

- Electric vehicle event:

Laurel volunteered to contact Crow Wing Power to determine if they may be a potential partner in arranging a presentation/demonstration event on electric vehicles, either in conjunction with the Global Climate Strike observation or independently.

- Monthly Meeting Time:

A discussion determined that BLUE's September meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on September 8th in an attempt to better accommodate all potential attendees.

- Our Mississippi, Our Future:

Dean has scheduled an event for up to 20 participants with Eleanor Burkett of the Nature Conservancy in regard to their 'Our Mississippi, Our Future' project. It will cover hosting local reachout sessions to recruit and train parties interested in non-partisan environmental political activism in the upper Mississippi basin. It will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday August 27th at his home in Crosslake. Multiple attendees of this month's meeting expressed interest in attending the event, and they will be forwarded invitations to it once Eleanor returns from vacation (on August 19th) and determines how many slots remain to be filled.

Other Business

- Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Earthday, the Nature Conservancy plans a celebration and BLUE may look to partner with them in the event. In Pat's absence and with Eleanor on vacation no further discussion was undertaken at this meeting.
- A response from WCAN was received in regard to BLUE's query on their experience in affiliating with MN350 had been attached to the email for last month's minutes, please respond to the cover email for these minutes if you have any comments.

Treasurer's Report

No change, 452\$ in checking account and 5\$ in savings.

Note: Dean will be on vacation and miss BLUE's September meeting.