

BLUE Minutes

Date: March 12, 2020; Time 6:30 pm

Present: Karen, Pat, Doug, Isaiah, Richard, Judy, Donna, Steven Elg (Welcome back to Donna and Steven).

BUSINESS

Date and Time Change of Meetings

Affiliation with MN350

Tabled – but please take a few minutes to review the MN350 website at MN350.org. I reviewed the site and there is useful information but I was unable to see if there is an affiliation fee.

Electric Vehicle Follow-up

Barb Mann and her husband are willing to park their cars in the parking lot at CLC on April 22 (Earth Day). BLUE will host a table that day in collaboration with WE ARE in the CLC Commons from 11-3 pm. Isaiah, Doug, and Steven volunteered to man the table. More to come on electric vehicles display in the parking lot. It was suggested to Pat to coordinate with the Auto Club. She has not had a reply. This event may not still be a viable option with the school's canceling classes.

Dean will bring BLUE materials to the April 9th meeting.

Letters to the Editor

Judy will write a letter

Candidate Scorecard

Time to be seriously checking out the websites for the candidate scorecard. Also, check out the MN350.org blog section of their website for a MN Legislative update. They are opposed to the MN Senate Clean Energy Bill. Here are other websites of interest.

<https://www.cleanwateraction.org/states/minnesota>

<https://www.cleanwateraction.org/sites/default/files/docs/publications/Minnesota%20State%20Scorecard%202017-2018%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf>

https://scorecard.lcv.org/sites/scorecard.lcv.org/files/2018_LCV_Scorecard.pdf is another website that has a wealth of information on national scores for 2018.

I get this as a weekly email on legislative actions for the State of Minnesota. It is prepared by Indivisible MN: [Indivisible Minnesota Legislative Action](#)

Other websites of interest:

<https://environmentminnesota.org/sites/environment/files/cpn/AMN-112818-A1/index.html>

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Earth Day

In addition to the April 22nd table at CLC, BLUE will hold its annual Earth Day march from 11-12 on Saturday, April 25th followed by a short gathering in the fellowship hall of UCC. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Isaiah will obtain a copy of Chasing Corals for the video presentation. Doug will update poster and any final arrangements will be completed at our April meeting.

Doug has since learned the Fellowship Hall is not available on the 25th for our Saturday celebration, but we can use the Adult Forum Room upstairs (capacity ~30).

Other Business

Our Mississippi Our Future held a letter writing session on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. Dean, Steve Roe, and Al Martin from BLUE attended.

State Climatologist Ken Blumenfeld will present updates on climate change at CLC Chalberg Theater on April 20th at noon.

Treasurer's Report

Savings account - \$5.00

Checking account - \$502.00

PO Box

Isaiah is securing a BLUE PO Box in Brainerd on Friday, March 13th.

Announcements

DFL US Senate candidate Paula Overby will be present at the Lakes Area Move to Amend (LAMTA) meeting at Sage on Laurel, March 17th at 5 pm. She is challenging Senator Tina Smith. The address of Sage is 606 Laurel Street, Brainerd. The meeting is free and open to the public. Doug recently sent an email with a link to her campaign and video.

Dean received an invitation to the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) Brainerd area house party with special guest CEO Kathryn Hoffman on Monday March 23rd at 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the home of Else Larson and Brett Severson at 10047 Cove Pointe Road, Brainerd, MN 56401. RSVP via the following link:

<https://default.salsalabs.org/Tc80ed4d6-c860-40fd-b9c1-99f6b79fc9da/6e831a00-0ab6-48cd-a3fe-ff36d91f5794>

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 at UCC