

## Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE) Minutes

Here are my notes from the BLUE Mother's Day meeting:

May 13, 2018; 2:00 pm; 6 attendees (Doug, Isaiah, Dave, Judy, Richard & Dean).

Due to the extraordinary weather and limited attendance it was decided to hold the meeting at a picnic table in Gregory Park.

- Upon his return from monitoring the Venezuelan election, Larry will host a showing of **“From the Ashes”** in the public library's large meeting room on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Doug recapped Melissa's resignation, Dave volunteered to retrieve her key to UCC for the BLUE meetings, Isaiah committed to attending all meetings and holding the key until we elect a new Chair.
- The group will move forward with informal leadership and direct democracy for decision making until our September election.
- We will hold a vigil across from the Sawmill Café after the May and June meetings and discuss in June whether to continue holding them monthly or less frequently thereafter.
- We decided to have Richard add our group's name to the BACP's registration and march together with that group in **Brainerd's Fourth of July parade**.
- Discussion on inviting local political candidates to speak to BLUE the membership was supported by those in attendance and will be brought back for to the floor at the June meeting.
- Hosting an event with **Paul Douglas** (conservative, evangelical, climate scientist) speaking on climate change still holds the group's support.
- A brief discussion on the pending PUC decision on Line 3 was held and the group agreed that any actions of civil disobedience in protest of that decision would be taken individually and not under the BLUE banner.
- Dean provided a brief recap on the successful May 2<sup>nd</sup> second annual **“Water Action Day”** at the State Capitol, while lamenting the small contingent (4) that made the free coach bus trip to the event from Brainerd.
- Our next meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at UCC.

We adjourned from the meeting at 3:00 pm and held vigil at N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. & Washington St. for ~30 minutes.

Dean Borgeson, only holder of pen & pad present