

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Date: May 19, 2019, Time 2:00 pm

Present: Dean, Karen, Michael, Pat, Isaiah, Larry, Sharli

PLEASE NOTE THE LINKS (below) TO BEGIN HOMEWORK ON CANDIDATE SCORECARDS AND CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

OLD BUSINESS

Periodic letters to the Editor

The website engage@newmode.net has templates on a variety of topics. Dean requested that a copy of each letter be forwarded to him for tracking at brainerdblue@gmail.com

Membership Recruiting/Engagement Strategies Discussion - June Meeting

The June BLUE meeting will be devoted to member recruitment. Please come with your ideas.

Candidate Environmental Score Card Discussion - July Meeting

The July meeting will be devoted to creating a candidate environmental scorecard. BLUE members believe we should develop this, especially for local and national MN. This scorecard would then be published on the BLUE website, Standup Brainerd Lakes and in a letter to the editor. A good starting point is to review the scorecards found on <https://www.cleanwateraction.org/states/minnesota>. This site has all the information we need – no need to re-invent the wheel here. From this website, I found this (PLEASE REVIEW):

<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/>

Report on Earth Day March and Picnic

14 attended the Earth Day March and perhaps 2 dozen were there for the picnic in the UCC fellowship hall (due to the weather). Pastor Leslie and Eleanor Burkett had short presentations afterwards in UCC basement. This was followed by music.

Minnesota 100% Campaign Event

Blue is co-hosted this event at Central Lakes College on Wednesday, April 24th from 12-1pm in the Chalberg Theater. The primary speaker is Chris Conry. His talk was well received.

Treasurer's Report

Bank account was opened at Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union. Balance in checking account is \$452.00 and \$5.00 in savings. The account documents will be put in Isaiah Oleson's name; address 219 W Laurel, Apt.2. Brainerd, MN 56401. Dean and Doug will bring in these minutes to also sign off on these bank documents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pat has emailed Melissa (CERTS) regarding electric cars at Arts in the Park, June 30th. She will call Melissa to see if this can be set up, possibly in the UCC parking lot

4th of July Parade – Doug has suggested if BLUE would consider being in the parade with BACP. A motion was made and the vote carried.

Larry summarized his recent trip to Venezuela