

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Date: November 11, 2018

Time 2:05 pm

Present: Isaiah Oleson, Larry Fisk, Richard and Judy Schiller, Pat Scott, John Reynolds, Michael Hopps, and Dean Borgeson.

Isaiah brought the meeting to order after delaying briefly to allow attendees to filter in to the room.

Phone conversation with Katya Gordon of Citizen's Climate Lobby – the group learned CCL's mission is to gain bipartisan acceptance for national 'Carbon Fee & Dividend' legislation as explained on their website <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/basics-carbon-fee-dividend/>. They want to establish a presence in the western reaches of Minnesota's 8th District. They would like BLUE's assistance in organizing either a training event for new CCL volunteers or a general presentation on their vision focusing on enlightening the unconvinced elements of the electorate (business, agricultural, sportsman, religious, conservative groups, etc.) The group elected to review the information on CCL's website and make a decision on moving forward on the project in December.

BLUE contacts list - Richard will provide a list of BACP contacts, and Larry will provide contacts collected during events, and Dean will check with Melissa to see if she has any additional contacts listed.

October 24th Candidates Environmental Forum – attendees noted the Audobon sponsored event at the arboretum was well attended and successful, but with the notable absence of Representative Heintzeman. Doug and Isaiah gave a brief introduction to BLUE at the beginning of the event.

Periodic letters to the editor – Judy and Pat had submitted letters recently and commitments were made by attendees (Larry, Dean, Pat, & Isaiah) to submit weekly letters through December.

Events/Actions Tracking Document – Dean will initiate a spreadsheet to capture this information going forward to keep this information readily available.

Member recruitment – some key contributors weren't present, so this discussion was limited. However, an introductory letter will be composed and circulated once the contact lists have been consolidated, providing the option of being removed from the list.

Election Results/Candidate Scorecard – a brief discussion of the election was held, the scorecard remains on the table for future discussion.

October 27th Rally – the Movement to Amend rally was a success and drew District 8 candidate Joe Radinovich as well as state candidates Alex Hering, Phil Yetzer, and Dale Menk.

November 8th emergency rally – the rally to protect Mueller's investigation attracted about two dozen protesters at the historic courthouse steps and proceeded to Hwy 210 for a half hour demonstration.

Treasure's Report – BLUE Treasurer Isaiah Oleson needs a copy of these minutes to enable him to access the account he is setting up for BLUE at the local branch of Wells Fargo Bank. Pat moved and Larry seconded a motion for Isaiah Oleson to set up a bank account for BLUE. It was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm with some members proceeding to hold a half hour vigil at 6th and Washington.

Next Meeting: Sunday December 9, 2018 at 2:00pm

Dean Borgeson – BLUE Co-chair