

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Date: December 09, 2018

Time 2:00

Present: Isiah, Larry, Karen, Michael, Richard and Judy Schiller, Pat, Gail

Treasurer: Isiah reported that in order to open a BLUE checking account, that the BLUE name needs to be filed with the Secretary of State which would involve: a) filing the application b) paying the fee and c) posting a public announcement x2 (assumption of name) in the Brainerd Dispatch. Pat will help Isiah with this.

Contact List

The Blue contact list has been consolidated with BACP contact list in an XCEL format. We need to determine from Dean, if the people who signed up at the Paul Douglas talk and the environmental forum at the Arb are included in this contact list.

Periodic letters to the Editor

Isiah will submit a letter over Christmas or New Year's, depending on his schedule.

Pat has agreed to write a letter, as has Karen. As of preparation of these minutes (Monday, December 10), Larry had a letter to the editor published in the Brainerd Dispatch today. The topic was climate change.

Judy submitted a letter that will be published in many of the area newspapers. She stated that she got her idea from Sunrise Movement. Sunrise Movement is a group of youth to 30 year olds. Their focus is practical steps for a Green America. The website engage@newmode.net has letter templates and a variety of topics. The website even submits the article to the newspaper. Check out this website for ideas for letters

Membership Recruiting Strategies

Tabled for this meeting

Develop Environmental Scorecard for 2020 Candidates

BLUE members believe we should develop this, especially for local candidates. 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>

Minnesota 100% Campaign

The goal of Minnesota 100% Campaign is to convince campuses and cities across Minnesota to go 100% renewable: <https://environmentminnesota.org/sites/environment/files/cpn/AMN-112818-A1/index.html>

A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Pat to endorse the efforts of this group to move Minnesota to 100% renewable energy. Larry has the Endorsement form. There is a retreat Saturday December 15 from 8:30-2:00 in Minneapolis. Larry and Gail are going to try to attend to learn more about the group, their goals and plans in moving forward.

Citizens Climate Lobby (Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act)

BLUE will pursue hosting an education event in Brainerd to learn more about the bill that has been introduced by 5 congressmen. It is a bipartisan bill. Citizens Climate Lobby is dedicated to establishing a carbon fee and a dividend to help curb climate change. From their website (<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>),

“CCL empowers everyday people to work together on climate change solutions. Our supporters are organized in more than 400 local chapters across the United States. Together we are building support in Congress for a national bipartisan solution to climate change.”

Pat will contact the Library for availability on January 12th or 19th; late morning or early afternoon. Once we have a date and place, Karen will forward the information to the Audubon group and ask them to forward it to the other sponsors of the Environmental Forum at the Arb. Pat will contact the Creation Care Teams at Lord of Life Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of the Cross in Nisswa.

Carrie Ruud

Karen will contact Carrie Ruud requesting that she with BLUE to discuss environmental issues.

NOTE: FROM PARIS TO PITTSBURGH IS A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTARY AIRING DECEMBER 12 AT 8:00 PM. PLEASE TRY TO WATCH THIS.

Next meeting: Sunday, January 12, 2019 at 2:00