

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Thursday June 11th 2020, 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Isaiah, Pat, Jill Herring, Doug, Tracey Brave, and Dean

Old Business:

- Update on Pat's initiative on Electric Vehicles.

Not much has transpired since Pat's last update with the Covid-19 shutdowns. Pat hasn't heard back from her councilman on establishing a charging station in Brainerd.

- Continued discussion of steps forward in affiliating with MN350. Please take a few minutes to go on MN350's website <https://mn350.org> and review the content.

Members indicated some interest in attending the 100%MN campaign kick-off over the weekend, Dean had forwarded an email invitation to the group upon it's receipt Thursday prior to the BLUE meeting.

- Continued discussion of BLUE's candidates' environmental scorecard for the 2020 election cycle.

Pat had not been able to find any ratings of legislators after the end of the regular session, perhaps more information will become available once the special session is concluded.

- Continued discussion on BLUE's campaign of writing letters to the editor in local publications.

Dean committed to submitting a letter to the Dispatch this coming week.

- Discussion on returning to in person meetings at UCC in July.

The attendees decided the group will meet at UCC on Thursday, July 9th, should there be more than ten in attendance we will move across the street to Gregory Park. The Church's Request Building Use Form has been submitted and the Family Hall in the basement has been reserved, Dean will notify the Church of BLUE's intent to resume our meetings. UCC requirements will be included in the cover letter for the minutes. Please remember to bring a mask if you attend.

- Doug brought up the Justice for George Floyd Vigil held at the Brainerd historical Courthouse last Monday and the Dispatch's coverage of the event, as well as the encouraging level of attendance ~100 people. Regrets were expressed over the short notice that had been provided for the event.

- Report on the BLUE PO Box (PO Box #).

Isaiah has secured Brainerd P.O. Box #1205 for BLUE as of Friday June 12th.

New Business:

- Treasure's report

- Doug mentioned the BACP highway cleanup has been postponed until this fall, and invitation will be forwarded to BLUE members once the event has been rescheduled.

- Doug indicated he had some issues when trying to join the on-line meeting, if anyone has been unable to join or had difficulty doing so please advise the group and we will try to remedy any issues that can be identified.

- BLUE Climate Justice Vigils may be resumed in future months, it has been suggested they be held prior to the regular monthly meetings.