

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Thursday July 9th 2020, 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Doug and Dean Meeting held outside in front of UCC

Old Business:

- Update on Pat's initiative on Electric Vehicles.
Pat wasn't in attendance
- 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.
Larry wasn't in attendance
- Continued discussion of BLUE's candidates' environmental scorecard for the 2020 election cycle.
Karen wasn't in attendance
- Continued discussion on BLUE's campaign of writing letters to the editor in local publications.
No letter(s) known to have been printed.

New Business:

- A report on the the BACP Black Lives Matter Rally held on Monday July 6th.
Doug attended the event and was encouraged by the engagement of the participants, especially the youth. A vigil was being held at Washington & 6th, which Doug planned to join following the BLUE meeting.
- Discussion to identify possible future BLUE events or actions.
Candidates' Environmental Forum is a possibility, Doug posed the question if it could be held outdoors.
- Discussion on whether to continue our monthly meetings in person or on-line.
Attendees decided to attempt another in person meeting in August.
- Discussion on whether/when to hold an election of BLUE officers, and if is one required by the group's bylaws.
Attendees decided BLUE should hold an election this fall
- A heads up - The Nature Conservancy is in the process of considering moving away from the 'Our Mississippi, Our Future' clean water initiative and toward a new campaign to promote action on the climate crisis.
No update available yet.
- Treasure's report
Isaiah wasn't in attendance.