

## **Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)**

### **Minutes**

#### **Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2021, 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting**

The January monthly meeting was held on-line due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Present: Karen, Pat, Doug, Dean, Larry, Paula Overby, Brad Hofstrand, Isaiah, Richard & Judy

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **Line 3**

Doug motioned to support the Line 3 protest by making a cash donation of \$100. Dean 2<sup>nd</sup>d the motion. Unanimous approval. Isaiah will send a check to Honor the Earth at the Palisade location.

Doug also reported that there are weekly protests at the Enbridge office in Park Rapids. For those who would like to participate, the address is 101 2<sup>nd</sup> St W. Park Rapids. Time 1:00 pm – the events are called Salsa Tuesdays where there is singing and dancing. To read more about this event and other January events, go to facebook and search for Honor the Earth.

##### **DSA**

Larry introduced the ‘Democratic Socialists of America’ to BLUE. Paula is attending from the Twin Cities and Brad is the local outreach coordinator. DSA is not a political party. Their focus is on the following for areas:

1. To support working people
2. The Green New Deal
3. Line 3
4. Medicare for all

The local chapter of DSA will be attending training meetings. DSA invited BLUE to align with them on issues of mutual concern. After discussion, a motion was made by Doug and 2<sup>nd</sup>d by Pat to align with DSA on such issues. Motion carried.

##### **What can BLUE do to support Line 3?**

- Hold a vigil in Brainerd – Brad will present this idea to the DSA Steering Committee
- Participate in a Salsa Tuesday in Park Rapids
- Hold a car/van caravan protest, individuals can also donate warm clothing to ‘Stop Line 3’.

##### **100% Writing Campaign**

Dean was about to tell us about this when the zoom meeting ended because of time limits. Interested parties can attend a writing workshop on clean transportation & transit on Wednesday, January 27th from 6:30pm-8:00pm via ZOOM. This workshop will focus on transportation electrification and transit investments. Trainers will include Anjali Bains of Fresh Energy and Peter Wagenius of the Sierra Club Northstar Chapter. Please RSVP at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUodOquqjssHtRcmmdiOzDA4l7sTDjb5arI>