

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE) Minutes

Thursday March 11th 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting

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

Present: Pat, Doug, Dean, Larry, Richard & Judy

BUSINESS

Line 3

- Discussion of possible resistance to the ongoing construction of Line 3:

Report on the BLUE - BLA/DSA cohosted vigils from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on Saturdays February 20th and March 6th. Both vigils in March were successful with around 20 participants and more positive response than negative.

In April the first Saturday's vigil on April 3rd will be held at Washington & East 6th (across 6th from the Sawmill Inn) from 3:00 – 4:30pm.

However, the second vigil of the month will be held on Saturday April 17th in front of the Wells Fargo bank (424 W. Washington St.) from 11:00 -12:30 to call attention to Wells Fargo's financing of Enbridge.

- Update on any response to Pat's email to Dave Badeaux in regard to the initiative on Electric Vehicles.

Nothing new.

- Discussion to identify possible future BLUE events or actions.

Dean responded affirming BLUE's interest in participating to the Brainerd Community Action's 'Arts in the Park' survey, including a request that all CDC guidelines on COVID-19 precautions be enforced during the tentatively scheduled Saturday Jun 27th event.

Larry reported the Twin Ports and Brainerd Lakes Area DSA's joint caravans to Camp Migizi on Sunday March 21st would assemble in the East Brainerd Mall parking lot to arrive at the camp by 1:00 pm. BLUE's participation would be welcomed.

The 51st annual Earth Day celebration will be on Thursday April 22nd this year, Blue will use the Saturday April 17th vigil to observe of Earth Day this year.

New Business:

- Treasure's report - Isaiah wasn't in attendance
- BLUE Secretary – Karen provided notice she will be resigning from this position effective immediately, please submit your name if you would be interested in replacing her in these duties. Hopefully we will be able to elect a new secretary at our April meeting (6:30 pm) Thursday, April 8th. Thank you Karen for your service.

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Agenda

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The March monthly meeting will once again be held on-line due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Please use the Zoom link in the cover letter for this agenda to join the meeting. These meetings are restricted to 40 minutes by Zoom.

Old Business:

- Discussion of possible resistance to the ongoing construction of Line 3:

Report on the BLUE - BLA/DSA cohosted vigils from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on Saturdays February 20th and March 6th. Going forward these vigils will be on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Larry requested a discussion on attempting to increase participation at these vigils.

- Update on any response to Pat's email to Dave Badeaux in regard to the initiative on Electric Vehicles.
- Discussion to identify possible future BLUE events or actions.

I responded affirming BLUE's interest in participating to the Brainerd Community Action's 'Arts in the Park' survey, including a request that all CDC guidelines on COVID-19 precautions be enforced during the tentatively scheduled Saturday Jun 27th event.

Larry noted the Twin Ports and Brainerd Lakes Area DSA's plan to host joint caravans to Camp Migizi on Sunday March 21st to arrive at the camp by 1:00 pm. BLUE's participation would be welcomed.

The 51st annual Earth Day celebration will be on Thursday April 22nd this year, how should BLUE observe this milestone?

New Business:

- Treasure's report