

Meeting Notes – August 18, 2016 Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

5:30-7 pm, July 21, 2016. Umpqua Bank, Pullman

Present: Mary DuPree, Paul Spencer (note taker), Ginny Lohr, Steve Flint, Rob Briggs, Pete Haug, Jolie Haug, Katie Gieske, Brian Dietel, Deb Olson, Jeff Ramsey, Kathie Nichols, Charlotte Omoto, Pat Friel, Anne Moscrip
Announcements

- The Pacific Northwest coordinator has contacted us about starting a new chapter for Clarkston and Lewiston, and Katie has agreed to accept the challenge. There is to be a CCL cross-country bicycle ride stopping in Clarkston on September 4. Katie will give out information about CCL then. The first real meeting will be in October.
- Moscow and Pullman CCL people should donate names of people they know in the LC Valley who might be interested in joining the new chapter.

Action Items from this Meeting

- Deb and Jeff may be able to set up a table at the LCSC welcome Fair on Monday.
- All: send Marilyn actions/links for her to report to national CCL: LTEs, opinion pieces, tabling, etc. (kvs21@frontier.com)
- All: send published items to Paul to place on CCL-P website. (paul-spencer@pullman.com)
- Steve and Mary (and all others who are able) will go to the Labrador candidate forum Sept. 1, 2-3 p.m. at EMSI in Moscow (moved to Hamilton-Lowe Center.)
- Charlotte and Rob will set up a Lentil Festival Table for the I-732 campaign.
- Rob can supply flyers, sign, and buttons for the I-732 campaign.
- **For the next meeting, all members should bring a list of possible names for Endorsement. Mary is the endorsement Guru.** Suggested – doctors, bankers, insurance people, Audubon, Humane Soc., family members friends near and far.
- Ginny will send out two forms for endorsements.
- Charlotte will plan to work on getting an endorsement from Paul Kimmel of Avista
- Deb will send information on the Pullman LWV candidate and issue forums to CCL.
- Mary will query the Moscow League on candidate forums
- Paul will put 3 letters to newspapers on the website.
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Review of Action Items from July meeting

- Deb has made preparations with Neill Public Library to set up a CCL display in December. She will need someone else to take it down at the end of Dec. since she will be out of town then.
- Katie has made a Facebook page for our CCL Chapter.
- Jeff has put a couple of postings up on an LDS website.
- Ginny spoke at a Natural Resources Subcommittee of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce. Two people signed– Katie and the arborist.
- Mary sent a photo of the Moscow PL display to Marilyn and Deb and get print materials to Deb
- Mary got names of potential conservative advisor from Nancy Chaney. All are academics.
- Pete plans to speak to an Audubon group in September

National-call--. This Month Justin Ford (Organizing Director of the Truman National Security Project) and Rikkia Ramsey (Policy Program Coordinator for the Truman Center) talked about the Truman Project and

Project Free. The subject was the security risks of oil dependence. The many fuel convoys to support U.S. service put service members at risk. In the Afghanistan operations, one of every 24 fuel convoys was attacked.

Decreasing fuel use would provide decreased security risk as well as decreased production of carbon dioxide. Climate change is making greater stress for fragile states which have vulnerable people and where the situations make people susceptible to radicalization. The Navy and Air Force are working very hard to increase the use of renewable energy and are making great strides in switching to bio-fuels and solar energy both in the U.S. and for field operations.

More information about this is available on <http://trumanproject.org/home/> and the Operation Free website <http://operationfree.net>

Follow-up comments from the field:

- Northern California medical organization asked California legislators to respond to call for climate action.
- Since January 2016, 15 African CCL groups have been formed and one held their first radio show.
- Canada will have a nation-wide price on carbon by the end of December.
- Panama Volunteers have been advocating for a price on carbon and the government has set up a panel to recommend action.

Suggested National Actions for the Month

- Attend town hall meetings and candidate forums.
- Review possible appreciations.
- Write and practice communication skills and do exercises to improve these skills.
- Plan to get endorsements. The idea is to get groups or individuals to endorse either the CCL fee and dividends scheme or generic climate change concerns. There is an endorser database and instructions on how to get endorsements on the CCL website.
- Details at <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/monthly-meetings-and-actions/>

5 minute exercise – role play. Member comments were:

- Learned about CPP.
- It was a good exercise in how to do a non-confrontational discussion.
- “Tell me more” – ask the person to explain status and plan for his or her ideas.
- Establish rapport – agree on something if you can.
- Congress is not a hopeless situation – there are 8 pairs (Republican and Democrat) in the coalition.

Updates from Interest Groups

Outreach: Deb and Ginny went to Davenport for conversation with Kathy McMorris. There were birdwatchers who reported that there were fewer ospreys, possibly because of warmer water temperatures. A good representation of veterans were positive on their service from the Veterans Administration.

Media: Pete had two published letters published, Katie one and Ginny one.

Presentations: The presentations group will meet at the end of this meeting.

Laser Talk Practice: See 5 minute exercise section above.

Next Meeting: Thursday September 15, 2016 in Moscow (Third Thursday), 5:30-7 pm.