

# **Minutes – July Monthly Meeting**

## **Palouse Region Chapter, Citizen's Climate Lobby**

Time: Wednesday, July 16 at 5:30 pm  
Place: Bucer's in Moscow

In attendance: Judy Meuth, Rob Briggs, Pat Rathmann, Mary DuPree, Paul Spencer, Deb Olson, Pat Fuerst, Bertie Weddell, Pat Friel, Ginny Lohr, Sandor Lohr, Steve Flint, Duane Peppel, Lucia Knudson [reporter for Inland Northwest Broadcasting], Jerome Knudson.

Thanks to note taker Judy Meuth. These minutes were prepared by Mary DuPree

### **Local Chapter Logistics**

Our banner is being repaired and will be available soon.

Finances: Treasurer Pat Rathmann reminded us that we now have an account set up at the Umpqua Bank in Moscow, and all expenses must be fully documented in order to be reimbursed. She, Mary, and Rob can sign checks. Pat requested that we send a thank you letter to the UUCP for the dedication of Renaissance Fair proceeds to the CCL-P. Rob Briggs will do this.

Next meeting: August 6 in Pullman. We are awaiting confirmation from the Neill Public Library.

Website: Paul is working on this. He solicits content suggestions, and some were offered.

### **Announcements**

*Years of Living Dangerously* follow-up meeting at One World Café immediately following this meeting. They will discuss future activities.

The Nez Perce Tribal Environmental Summit's next event is on July 19. Pat Fuerst and Pat Friel volunteered to attend. Pat Friel is to speak on the CCL initiative at 10 and 11 a.m. at the Pineewaus Community Center in Lapwai.

### **Reports**

A climate plank was added to the Platform of the Idaho Democratic Party on June 21 through the efforts of Nancy Nelson and Mary DuPree. [Item 8. "Idaho Democrats Believe in being Good Stewards. . . . For the sake of future generations we are committed to taking proactive measures to prevent and mitigate the effects of climate change. . . ."]

Mary and Judy reported on tabling at the PCEI Sustainability Festival. We agreed that something to attract children and families to the CCL table would be useful if we do this again next year.

CCL International Convention June 22-24 in Washington D.C.

- Rob Briggs was among the 600 attendees. The REMI report was presented, and Rob reported that engaging Republicans and impacts on agriculture were major topics. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse gave an inspirational keynote speech.
- Rob spoke with Senator Maria Cantwell about the CCL REMI report, and she was very responsive. Meetings were held with all four members of the ID delegation, although no CCL members from Idaho were present.. Rob believes that we could reach Congresswoman Rogers through concerned eastern Washington farmers. Rob urges more of us to attend next June.

### July National Call

- The main speaker was Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, Christian evangelist and climate scientist.
- Action Items:
  1. Meet with members of congress who will be on recess in August. How can we meet with Rep. Labrador? Steve Flint will take the lead.
  2. Rep. McMorris Rogers needs persuading. Spokane CCL is getting organized: they and we could try for a meeting with her or a senior staff member. We could write letters to members of Congress to follow up to June meetings and/or host a letter writing party. Several CCL-P members would participate, but no convener was identified.
  3. Use upcoming League of Women Voters meeting to ask climate questions of Washington 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidates.
  4. Ginny Lohr reminded the group that the CCL approach is to build relationships with members of Congress and to avoid partisanship.

### **Updates from Interest Groups**

Tabling: staffing of CCL-P table at Moscow and Pullman Farmer’s Markets is needed. Although the impact at the MFM is reduced because of the non-profit tabling location, Rob urged that we try tabling with the new banner.

Newspapers/Media: We are doing well in getting editorial page items published. Perhaps we should form a group to plan media exposure. We are urged not to get into “tit for tat” exchanges on the editorial page.

Presentations: Pat Fuerst and Pat Friel will be at the upcoming Nez Perce conference; Pullman League of Women Voters forum in September; Pat Friel will speak with Palouse Humanists; Mary DuPree will approach the Moscow League of Women Voters.

### **New Business**

It was moved and seconded to remove Pat Rathmann’s designation as “Secretary” from our By-Laws signature page.

Pat R. brought up the questions that she and others have about the CCL fee/dividend proposal, e.g. What will be the impact on school districts? How do those who pay no income tax receive the dividend? The group decided that our next meeting will feature a “canned” CCL presentation, followed by such questions so that our presenters can hone their presentations and responses.

**The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.**