

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby
March 16, 2017 5:30-7:00pm, 1912 Center, Moscow

Attending: Ginny Lohr, Marilyn Von Seggern, Steve Flint, Diana Armstrong, Deb Olson, Mac Cantrell, Patricia Jessup, Richard Zender, Amelie Schmolke, Judy Meuth, Bertie Weddell, John Dollhausen, Mary DuPree. Mete Yuksel (note taker).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We bid a sad farewell to Ginny, who is moving to the West Side
- The CCL-P will be receiving an award from the Moscow Sustainability...
- We've been asked by the UI Sustainability Center to table at "Growing Your Green Future" 5:30-8:30 Aurora Room, 27th of April.
- 17 House Republicans introduce the Republican Climate Resolution to work on climate solutions
- April 29th Climate March will be in Moscow
- May climate march (Fossil Free, Mete)
- 500 people came to climate hearings at the Idaho State House this week
- CCL Regional meeting: some lessons learned
 - Washington state carbon tax initiative failed last year because people tended not to believe that it would decrease use of carbon, voters were uninformed about the legislation, and key groups were not brought to the table as the initiative was discussed. Low income voters did support it, and it received 41% of the vote.
 - US Military backs climate change action: climate is the trigger for Syrian conflict. Darfur is also an impacted area
 - Writing letters to the editor is a valuable part of our lobbying: they express political will, and legislators are informed of what is on the editorial pages in their districts.

ACTION ITEMS

- Endorsement letter: in progress
- Group planning workshop: On the backburner
- Deb has requested Years of Living Dangerously 2 for Neill Public Library

MONTHLY CALL

Mac reported on the talk by DeVashree Saha of the Brookings Institution. "In 2014, the International Energy Agency reported that energy-related CO2 emissions stayed flat, despite an increase of around 3% in global GDP, so actually for the first time in 40 years, there was a reduction in carbon emissions that was not tied to an economic crisis. The trend continued in 2015. In recent years, economic growth has been decoupled with fossil fuel growth, and this will continue."

MONTHLY ACTIONS (recommended by CCL's national office)

Mary says we have our hands full right now, but recommends that we individually support CCL's fund raising to expand its (our) DC staff.

ENDORSEMENT LETTERS

- The rest of the meeting was devoted to our Endorsement Letters. The Idaho and Washington contingents of CCL-Palouse met separately to discuss the content of the letters, the amount of information we would request from the signers, and whom we will ask to sign the letters. (This information will be available on the CCL--Palouse website within two weeks.)

The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

Next meeting: April 20 at the Umpqua Bank, 225 N. Grand in Pullman.