

# Minutes – November Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizen's Climate Lobby

November 6, 2014 at La Madrid restaurant, Moscow Eastside Marketplace

Present: Rob Briggs, Mary DuPree, Steve Flint, Pat Rathmann, Mary Jo Hamilton, Joel Hamilton, Ginny Lohr, Deb Olson, Rachel Clark, Nancy Chaney, Gary Bryan, Sonja Lewis, Al Poplawsky

**Minutes** approved. Rob suggested that at the beginning of each meeting, action items from previous meeting be read

## **Updates on Local Chapter Issues:**

Fundraising: Report on CCL Challenge fund drive “Tutu challenge”? our donation goal is \$1000 and we are more than halfway there.

Rachel suggested linking the fund drive to Facebook page (whose?)

Our web site is now active, we can post minutes. National web site has been revised; some things harder to find.

Business cards for our CCL chapter have been printed and were distributed.

## **Announcements:**

Awards given on November 1 at FOC annual potluck were recognized: Rob Briggs received ‘Activist of the Year’ and PESC received ‘Organization of the Year’ which was presented to Pat Rathmann and Pat Fuerst. Al P said he would suggest to Brett to have these announced in the paper. Other places we might post such things might include Latah Eagle.

## **Updates from Interest Groups:**

Tabling: Mary led discussion on tabling since regulars were not present. Groups can’t table at the Moscow winter market. Mary would like to find a way to reach out to UI students and volunteered to lead this effort. Need a student group sponsor. Rob pointed out that it’s really best if younger people are engaged in this outreach – i.e. students. Nancy suggested tabling at upcoming crafts fairs. Jeff (absent) has our banner and handouts. Mary asked who might work on connecting with WSU students? No volunteers.

Tim Frazier at LWV last week gave excellent presentation. Would be good to have him speak at other venues.

Newspapers and media: Rob wants to use team approach to respond to newspaper editorials in a timely fashion. Suggested a dinner meeting at his house; November 20 at 6 pm seemed agreeable to all of those here that were interested. Al noted that some new people that we don’t know have

been sending in editorials that support our point of view. Perhaps we should contact them about working with us.

Presentations: CCL national office has presentations on how to give presentations about CCL.

On presentations, Ginny did her first one for LWV Pullman; Rachel is interested in giving presentations;

### Outreach?

Before leaving, Pat R suggested we invite newly elected legislators to come to a meeting – in Moscow that would be Jordan, Schmidt and Lamar. Questions were asked, why not combine WA and ID legislators? Why not invite all legislators? Al pointed out you can ask Latah County commissioners for an opportunity to speak at those meetings. Someone suggested that the REMI report would be a very good focus for such a meeting – economics gets everyone's attention.

Should we put an effort into state level CCL? Ballot initiative? In WA, Inslee is favoring cap and trade approach. Maybe not the best use of our time.

Nancy said that the north Idaho legislative tour will be coming through Moscow soon; we could provide literature on our views; she will try to help connect us to that.

Overall conclusion by Mary was that we should meet with county commissioners after January 1 and provide information for the legislative tour.

Rachel suggested CCL put together a local forum or conference. Various ideas followed from the group: Talk to Eric at Nuart Theater about showing a carefully chosen climate change film at the Nuart and inviting New St Andrews college. Maybe invite Catherine Heyhoe, climate Scientist and husband pastor, who speaks to faith groups and was featured in Years of Living Dangerously.

Rachel mentioned Naomi Kline's new book 'This Changes Everything', which may be one of the most important books ever written.

We discussed trying to connect with earth Week events – with WSU environmental groups, and any speakers they may be inviting, and with UI earth day events.

Connect to Faith groups.

Interviews on KRFP and KWSU.

### **Highlights of November call:**

Ginny Lohr led discussion on the CCL call on Saturday. Pointed out we are 'non-partisan' not 'bi-partisan'.

Presentation was by Charles Kennel, member of National Academy of Sciences, who summarized his recent Op-ed in Nature in which he said we should abandon the 2 degree C goal limit for global warming. We should track multiple measures. The 2C goal ignores 90% of the problem since 90% of energy goes into oceans.

Also, in the call, CCL has a strong Ag committee and Alec from Tri-Cities gave her report, working on endorsements from big Ag groups. CCL goal is to establish a Liaison with the Farm Bureau (a farm lobby) in every state.

Ginny also gave details to Cathy McMorris-Rogers' assistant about upcoming REMI meeting in D.C.

In post-election letters, we should follow up with congress to attend REMI meeting.

**Lobbying**

Steve Flint: at 7 am our time on Tuesday November 18, we will meet with Senator Crapo's representative online. This is 'Lobby day'.

**Next Meeting**

Next meeting is Thursday December 4 at 5:30 pm at South Fork Public House, Wheatland Mall, Pullman, next to Ace Hardware.