

Meeting Notes – October 20, 2016 Monthly Meeting

Palouse Region Chapter, Citizens' Climate Lobby

5:30-7 pm, October 20, 2016. Umpqua Bank, Pullman

Present: Mary DuPree, Paul Spencer (note taker), Ginny Lohr, Steve Flint, Pete Haug, Mac Cantrell, Al Poplawsky, Judy Meuth, Marilyn Von Seggern, Sandon Lohr

Announcements and Reports

- I-732 - Judy has buttons.
- Getting Endorsements to Create Political Will” – CCL Webinar 5:00-5:45pm, Nov. 3
<https://community.citizensclimatelobby.org/events/2016/11/20892/> Topics include initiating and cultivating relationships, tips on what has and has not worked, organizing to get endorsements.
- Judy reported that she is planning an initial meeting November 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Café Artista with about 6 farmers for our Ag effort. Switching the venue to a bigger space, probably in the 1912 center, was suggested. . Mac said that some social science research has shown that farmers think that they are seeing the effects of climate change but do not agree that humans are responsible for the changes.

Ginny suggested that Phil Wandschneider has written some articles dealing with climate change and agriculture and is interested in the carbon tax – so he might also be interested in attending the meeting. Judy wants to have only farmers for our initial contacts. Someone recommended an article about WSU research and researcher Bill Pan which talks about communicating with farmers.

Action Items from September Meeting and Updates from Interest Groups

- Outreach
 - Jeff – has tabled at Moscow Farmer’s Market
 - Mary and Diana - Palouse Progressive Picnic, Oct. 2. Mary gave a 5 minute talk to a small but enthusiastic group.
 - Mary and Diana – will table at the Co-Op later this fall
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 - Judy – Farmer and Climate meeting planned for Nov. 2 (see Announcements above)
- Media
 - Ginny and Judy were interviewed Sept. 19 on “What’s Left” program on KRFP with Greg Larson
 - Jeff and Mary were interviewed Sept. 25 on KRFP “Peace Radio” program
 - Mary wrote to Lee Rosen of the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*, who is considering the Op-Ed regarding the Paris Accord written by Mark Reynolds
 - Ginny submitted one letter each to the *Spokesman Review* and the *Lewiston Tribune*
 - Mary emphasized that LETTERS are the key to keeping the conversation going.
 - Steve suggested contacting Yoram Bauman of the I-732 campaign. Rob contacted Yoram about talking to the local newspaper about an endorsement, but Yoram’s schedule here was too packed.
- Presentations
 - Pete talked to the Audubon Society two weeks ago. On November 12, Pete will give a talk entitled “Our Environment” in Ellensburg

- Judy mentioned that the “Coalition Alliance” tried to promote a carbon tax initiative which would give the revenue to social programs and to the poor and suffering. How can we get I-732 to recognize those needs and move to incorporate them? Ginny mentioned that I-732 does help the worst off. A law to help poor families was passed in 2008, but has never been funded; I-732 would provide the funding finally.
- Lobbying
 - Ginny, Jeff, and Ann will travel to the Congressional Education Day, Nov. 14-15, in Washington DC. Steve said that he thinks one person from Boise will be attending.

Laser talk – “What about India and China?” A discussion followed the laser talk practice on the likelihood that India and China will follow up their commitments at the Paris Agreement, and whether the US will commit the national resources to economic policy reforms needed to keep up with them.

National Call – Steve: Dr. George Lakoff, a linguistics expert: How We Talk about Climate Change, Politics, and Morals. He is the author of the book *The Political Mind*

- Focus was on polarization of opinions which result from disparate views of the world.
 - Direct causation
 - Indirect causation including feedbacks
 - Probabilistic causation – uncertainty with only probability for some causes and effects
- A person’s world view depends on a person’s background – authoritative, logical and reasoned, being responsible for each other, etc.
 - Some people think in stories and images and are not influenced by logic and purported facts.
 - If a discussion agrees with a person’s world view, his or her opinion is reinforced.
 - If it conflicts with the world view, it is usually rejected.
- The lesson for CCL members is to concentrate on shared values and use logic and facts as secondary support when talking to people.

Actions for the Month

1. Regional - topics for the regional conference. What do we want? We voted on a potential list of workshops and suggested others. Judy will tally the results and send them to the conference planners.
2. Plan a *Years of Living Dangerously* viewing party in December.

Action Items from this Meeting

- 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)
- Judy will/may contact Phil Wandschneider about farming and climate outreach.
- Al will invite other farmers to the Nov. 2 Farming and Climate meeting.
- Pete may/will do Peace Radio if the Daily news does not take Marla’s Op-Ed.
- Mary will invite Bob Kearney to CCLP.
- Marilyn will put up an I-732 sign.
- Pete will contact the *Whitman County Gazette* to request a post-election editorial board meeting to ask for endorsement of climate change action and specifically carbon fee and dividend policy.
- Judy will contact Katie about an editorial board meeting with the *Lewiston Tribune* to ask for endorsement of climate change action and specifically carbon fee and dividend policy.
- Al will contact the *Argonaut* ask for endorsement of climate change action and specifically carbon fee

and dividend policy.

- Mary will contact Pat Rathman about a possible showing of the second series of *Years of Living Dangerously* at the Kenworthy Theater.
- Ginny will email Pete a *Whitman County Gazette* editorial.
- Mary will continue working with 5 people to sign an endorsement.
- Paul will try to get Whitman County Commissioners to sign an endorsement.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the 1912 Center in Moscow. (Presentation Committee meets at 7pm)