

Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby
AGENDA Feb 18, 2021, 5:30-7:00pm Zoom Meeting

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Introductions and Check-in

Additions to the Agenda and Review of Minutes

Announcements

- New secretary
- FLOW workshop Feb. 20, 1-2:30pm — Mary. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/learn-to-build-political-will-using-ccls-five-levers-with-ccl-idaho-registration-136974393097>
- Lobby Week March 22-26—Mac
- Braver Angels – Linda
- Mark Wensnahan climate change presentation – Bill. Passcode: 2R6N.nML for recording at https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_6-C3Do6Z7vluL7GbT_EzdPuWd7uj7f_envRxzHtcLLmhRjsVls1via_dg2KwUx2.z4gBmoDLBYsOQo5p
- New Yorker article <https://link.newyorker.com/view/5be9fb3d24c17c6adf0ebe53dlkeg.iyj/39692f4c> - Mike

CCL-Palouse Reports and Actions

- Ag Outreach – Eric
- Pullman Climate Action Plan – Marilyn
- Moscow Climate Action Plan - Mary
- Chambers of Commerce—Simon, Mary
- Publications – Judy
- University student organizing— Kayla, Lauren, Patrick
- Grasstops; CCL and allied environmental organizations - Mary

Asking for What You Need – Communication Exercise at end of Agenda

Skill Development: Social Media

- Palouse CCL Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: Search for CCLPalouse to find our accounts - Sydnie
- Tweet President Biden and VP Harris and ask them to work toward bipartisan climate solutions in Congress that include carbon fee and dividend as the backbone. CCL tweet POTUS tool cclusa.org/tweet-potus On other social media be sure to include @POTUS and @VP handles. Social media help at [Social Media for Volunteers and Chapters](#).

Exercise your LTE muscle and show support for carbon pricing!

Remind Congress, the President and VP that **carbon pricing is popular**. Include local to national Grasstops support. CCL Community resources:

[Writing Effective LTEs](#) . Submit (1) using LTE tool, cclusa.org/lte, or (2) directly to newspaper. Topic ideas [LTE Topics](#). Share published LTE with your MoCs. With hashtag **#GrassrootsClimate**, share on your social media a link to, or a picture of, your letter and include the social media handles of your MoCs.

Grassroots Outreach

- Earth Day Fair with other organizations

- Film screening (<https://community.citizensclimate.org/resources/item/19/307>)

Guest Speaker report- Diane Randall, FCNL General Secretary - Mary

CCL works closely with a number of organizations that support carbon pricing. One of those is the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), which encourages and supports members to engage with lawmakers on peace and justice issues. Joining us is Diane Randall, General Secretary of FCNL, who leads their staff to educate and lobby for policies and legislative priorities established by FCNL's General Committee. Diane has led FCNL's program expansion, including adding lobbyists and new programs to engage grassroots citizens, young adults and more Quakers to lobby for peace, justice and a sustainable planet. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4AumNnyHbhs&feature=youtu.be>

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 18, 5:30-7:00 pm on Zoom

Adjournment

COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE - Asking: Get what you need by asking for it

If you need it, ask for it. Asking will often get you what you need when speaking to a community leader, a fellow volunteer or your members of Congress. To learn more about asking, see this participant handout <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1k2rhRhKfzOeAX9B9vECVkrHqtmz-jjNLPPqwo0-JZJU/edit> .

Principles of Asking

Two principles for making your "asks" more powerful are:

- Be clear and specific about what you need and when you need it - the outcome - and ask for 100% of it.
- It empowers and *honors* people when you give them a request and then give them the space to freely choose how to respond: accept, decline or counteroffer.

For example, you might ask a fellow volunteer:

- The Climate Advocate Training is an opportunity to help our newer members get up to speed. Would you be willing in the next two weeks to call this list of 10 of our newbies to encourage them to attend?
- There is an opportunity for someone from our group to talk about CCL and our work at our promotional event, and some of us were thinking you'd be perfect. What do you think, would you like to do that?

Now, write a script for your own request with these principles in mind and share it with your partner.

Bonus points if you start with an appreciation.