**Climate Conversations NCW**

March 11, 2019

**Chelan Co Fire Station**

Facilitator: Shayne Magdoff

Attending: Paul, Bradly, Jeanne, Lori, Jim A., Joan, Bill, Jim W., Susan E., Shayne, Sue K. and Joe.

\*Interfaith Group – Susan

 \*Interfaith is Sponsoring “Simplicity” in upcoming ECO-Challenge

 \*Inspired by the “Thin Green Line” presentation, members of the group are writing a letter to the assistant director of Emergency Management for the Chelan Co. Sheriff; copies will also be sent to the Wenatchee Mayor, City Council and County Commissioners. This letter will request information on emergency preparedness concerning the oil trains that come through Wenatchee. It was agreed that Climate Conversations NCW would add their name to the Interfaith letter. Both hard copies and email letters will be sent.

\* 350Wenatchee.org – Jeanne

 \*Reluctant Radical showing Saturday – March 9 – went well. The conversation with the Valve Turner, Ken Ward, was great!

\*Plan to do “Touch a Truck” this Spring

\*March 15 = Protest at Wells Fargo Bank March 15 – 4:00 – 5:30. This will also be a gathering for the “Global Climate Strike for the Future” – a world-wide action

\*April 10 – National Day of Bank Actions – Protest at Chase Bank 1:00-2:30

\*The John Henry Coalmine in Washington State is looking to re-activate. Get ready to write letters and make calls to shut this down before it gets started!!!

\*Wenatchee Clean Air Resolution – Sue

 \*Brooklyn Holton – Wenatchee – Due to illness, Brooklyn was unable to attend. She did report that another round of reviews is in process and she will let us know things are going. We will try to have her attend next month.

\* Eric de Place Event – Bill – Feb. 7th

 \*Recap – Well attended, well received.

 \* What’s next – Oil Train concerns – See Interfaith report

\*Book Group – Bill reported that the group reading the “Great Tide Rising” had concluded. People that had participated shared their experience. The suggestion was made to do this again and possibly explore the possibility of inviting the author, Kathleen Dean-Moore, here.

\* Sustainable Wenatchee – Jana

 \*Sustainable Living Tour coming up – See Sustainable Wenatchee website for detail

 \* Earthday – April 20 @ Pybus – checking to see if CCNCW can do a booth (Joan)

 \* Eco Challenge – CCNCW decided to continue their support of this activity, we will contribute $150 and sponsor the food category. The program still needs about $750 to be able to offer the large prizes. We hope to have 1,000 participants this year. Please consider identifying and being a team captain.

\*Green New Deal – Letter sent to Schrier, Murray & Cantwell – Sue

 - Reply from Schrier – she was very positive about supporting Climate Change legislation, but did not commit to sponsoring The Green New Deal.

\*Climate Change Programs on the Radio:

 \*NPR – They are being played – please thank NPR if you are a sponsor

 \*KOHO is airing “Yale Climate Connections”, they also publicized “The Reluctant Radical” movie. Thank you to them!!!

\*Offer to meet at Democratic Headquarters – It was decided to continue to meet at the Chelan Co. Fire Station when we can since it is closer to those who live in the upper valley. We appreciate the offer and will consider it if we don’t have a place to meet.

\*Invitation from Susan Ballanger – Wenatchee Naturalist e-news – Susan will be letting people know about our activities via the e-news that she sends out. She is also in touch with graduates from the Naturalist program that may be interested in volunteering in projects. Thank you, Susan.

\*Jim White wins a grant! Jim described his energy project and shared the next steps with us. Congratulations Jim!

\*Updates from Jim Allyn –

 \*Jim announced that another climate group, interested in direct actions, has formed in the area. Rising Tide Wenatchee is looking for others that would like to be involved in their actions. They can be contacted at: <https://www.facebook.com/RisingTideWenatchee/>

 \*United Methodist Church will be hosting an “Issues Fair” April 28-May 1. We have been invited to have a Climate Booth at it.

 \* This church is also considering the possibility of having some Climate presentations as part of another program in their church.

\*Updates from Joan Qazi –

 \*Students at WVC are organizing Earthday Activities for April 22 at the College Campus. Some of them involve: a poetry contest, booths from 11:00 – 1:00 and possibly getting a well-known speaker.

 \*Recent workshops that Joan has attended are informing us that the term “Climate Change” may soon become “Climate Crisis” or “Climate Emergency” to reflect the serious nature of what we are dealing with.

 \*Some Universities are starting to offer classes on “Climate Grief” for the students that are going to have to live in the future that we created. Hopefully an outcome of this will be immediate action by students.

Next meeting – April 8

Respectfully Submitted – Sue Kane