

## Environmental Forum Notes

8/3/20

6:30 pm

Present: Susan, Shirley, Julie, Sister Kathleen Henneberry, Lori

Reminder of Green Drinks at 5 pm tomorrow. Rachel from LLW. Can register via Susan's link and WEU.

Shirley said Earth Day Fair went better than she had envisioned it would. 12 exhibitors, who were very pleased with exposure. Good locations. Physical distance. Good foot traffic. Good music. Shirley suggested we do the same next year (maybe again eliminating speakers and presentations). We reached people that we would otherwise not have reached. The Vote for the Environment stickers were very popular.

Susan will send Rachel a Zoom link.

Judith did a great job reading the City Proclamation last month.

We need to update Anne Corbi event on Forum's FB page. Lori said we are meeting with Don on the Wednesday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and maybe wait until plans are confirmed.

Singh Foundation was going to give us \$1000 for Corbi event. We need to find out if it was sent/if we need to return. Lori will contact Alta and Ann McCluskey. We have received invoices from North Scott Press (\$66) and Argus/Dispatch for \$125.

Katie Van Blair is developing curricula on Environmental Justice. Maybe we can brainstorm ideas with other Forum leaders over Happy Hour?

Perhaps it would be wise to get someone to talk about environmental justice at Green Drinks. Judith? Dr. Katz? Bobby W may know someone. Lori will contact Bobby, public health people. Susan suggested we might be able to get data from Race Exhibit at Putnam. Will Sarah Gardner continue with her Green Drinks presentation in October? Susan will attempt to contact via email.

Illinois Solar for All: Shirley reported projects seem to be going to other parts of state (closest locations: one in Rockford and one in Galesburg). Going to talk to Dave Geenen and see if he can add some pressure. Lori said good bi-partisan support for solar for all. She had a list of podcasts, resources that might be good for presentations or preparation for presentations.

Adjourned 7:20 pm

Submitted by Julie Ross



Note: According to the UN, more than 60 countries have introduced bans and levies to curb the use of single-use plastic waste. Canada is going to ban single-use plastic in 2021. Plastic pollution is a serious issue: it contaminates our land and water, gets into our drinking water and food chain, and endangers wildlife.

4. Not only is the oil and gas industry heavily subsidized by the taxpayers, but it is also exempt from provisions in environmental regulations\* that are intended to protect the environment and human health. This is a perfect example of prioritizing corporate interest over public health and the environment. What specifically will you do to address this issue?

\*These statutes include the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; Safe Drinking Water Act; Clean Water Act; Clean Air Act; National Environmental Policy Act; Toxic Release Inventory under the Emergency Planning; and Community Right-to-Know Act.