

**Sustainability Committee**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 3:00-4:00, Building 16, Room 142**  
**Notes**

**1. Welcome and Introductions:**

- Darlene Colborn, Facilities Management and Planning
- Susie Cousar, Health, PE, & Athletics
- Jennifer Hayward, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Patty Hine, High School Connections
- Tim Hovet, Business
- Rachelle Katter, Health, PE, & Athletics
- Brian Kelly, College Services
- Pamela McGilvray, Disability Resources
- Claudia Owen, Science
- Art Peck, Math
- Margaret Robertson, Advanced Technology
- Paul Ruscher, Science
- Anna Scott, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Julie Sheen, Institute for Sustainable Practices
- Wendy Simmons, Wellness
- Stan Taylor, Social Science
- Clive Wanstall, Conference and Culinary Services

**2. Updates and Announcements**

*Keystone XL Pledge of Resistance/350.org:* Patty briefly explained the Keystone XL Pledge of Resistance which is a pledge to join others in engaging in dignified, peaceful civil disobedience to send the message to President Obama to reject the Keystone XL pipeline. Organizers are conducting trainings and planning resistance events. The next training is Wednesday, January 15 from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. Patty indicated that more trainings would be scheduled and that the main resistance event will likely be between April 1 and 15, 2014. More information is available at: [http://act.credoaction.com/sign/kxl\\_pledge](http://act.credoaction.com/sign/kxl_pledge) and in the attached handout from Patty.

Patty also noted that there is a potentially emerging 350.org group in Lane County. 350.org is an international organization that is building a global grassroots movement to solve the climate crisis. An initial meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2014. Patty will keep the Committee updated on local 350.org activities.

*Our Children's Trust:* Art explained that Our Children's Trust is an organization that is supporting youth plaintiffs in strategic atmospheric trust litigation to hold the ruling generation accountable and to compel governments in the U.S. and abroad to implement enforceable science-based climate recovery plans. With the support of Our Children's Trust, a local high school student is suing the federal government and will be testifying at the UO law school on Thursday, January 16 at 9 am. Art encouraged Committee members to attend in support of this action.

*2014 Peace Symposium:* Stan reported that the 2014 Peace Symposium will take place on April 25. The Pachamama Alliance has been invited to be the key presenters along with Move to Amend. The Pachamama Alliance empowers indigenous people of the Amazon rainforest to preserve their lands and culture and to educate and inspire individuals everywhere to bring forth a thriving, just, and sustainable world. The Pachamama Alliance wants to change the dream of the modern world to stop the exploitation

of the Amazon rainforest for oil.

### **3. Sustainability in Recruitment**

*Review sustainability language for job posting template:* Attendees reviewed and approved the draft sustainability paragraph for the “College and Divisional Information” in the job posting template with the addition of inclusion of information about the sustainability core value.

*Next steps:* Due to time constraints, this item was moved to a future meeting.

### **4. Health and Wellness Fair**

Jennifer briefly reviewed plans for the “Healthy Transportation Habits” table that the Sustainability Committee will host at the Health and Wellness Fair on January 29 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. The Health and Wellness Fair Subcommittee has developed lots of plans and materials for the table. Jennifer will distribute materials to the committee for review prior to the 1/21/14 meeting. A sign-up sheet for committee members to volunteer to staff the table was distributed.

Stan recommended creating a “Green Triangle” visual (<http://www.context.org/iclib/ic26/callnbch/>). The green triangle is meant to show the ecological, health, and economic benefits of a sustainability-minded action. In the case of bicycling, the green triangle image might have a person getting stronger on one side, the person saving money on the second side, and reduced pollution on the third side. Anna recommended having a 21-day habit change element at the table.

### **5. Climate Education and Action Forum**

Claudia proposed that the Committee sponsor a Climate Education and Action Forum that would begin with a presentation on demystifying climate science and end with a workshop on methods for communicating with skeptics. Paul volunteered to participate in developing the workshop and to give the presentation. Claudia noted that Russ Pierson has researched methods for communicating with climate skeptics and he has also volunteered to help develop the workshop. Paul referred to work by John Cook on dispelling some of the most commonly held climate misconceptions (<http://skepticalscience.com>). Stan referenced an article by Bill McKibben called *Global Warming’s Terrifying New Math* (<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/global-warmings-terrifying-new-math-20120719>) and an article by Naomi Klein about how progressives need to recognize that a business as usual economic system will not be possible in a world that has reduced carbon emissions to safe levels (<http://www.thenation.com/article/164497/capitalism-vs-climate?page=0,0>). Jennifer referred to a book by a local psychologist called, *Communicating Across the Divides In Our Everyday Lives: A Psychological Field Manual for Constructive Dialogue about Social and Environmental Concerns, and the Progress of Civilization*, and recommended that the Committee include this author in the workshop. Committee supported hosting such a forum this school year.

Anna suggested tying the forum to classes and/or employee professional development to support attendance. Stan noted that if we hold this forum spring term during the week that his Environmental Politics class studies climate change, he will assign his class to attend the forum. Other instructors indicated that they would either assign their classes to attend or offer extra credit for attendance. Stan will let Jennifer know the spring term day and time that will be optimal for scheduling this forum. Jennifer will ask Donna Koechig if the forum could be considered an Aspiring Leaders training and Wendy will promote it as a wellness activity.

### **6. Communications Plan**

Jennifer noted that she e-mailed draft plans for Facebook, Twitter, Lane Weekly, and classroom communications to the Committee on 12/30/13 for review and comment. Committee requested that Jennifer resend draft plans with a deadline for review indicated in the subject line.

**Keystone XL Pledge of Resistance/350.org**

Lane CC Brief by Patty Hine

Jan. 7 & 21, 2014

CREDO, Other 98% & Rain Forest Action Network

Summer 2013 – on-line Pledge of Resistance (76K+)

Goal - persuade President Obama to NOT APPROVE  
the Keystone XL Pipeline

Historical KXL Framework

PDX Action Lead Training & target site selection

- Four local NOKXL Civil Disobedience trainings

\* 68 people trained/26 from faith communities

Fourth planned for Wednesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 to 4:30  
pm; 1376 Olive St. followed by ALL TRAINEE potluck  
& update meeting.

National leadership, structured framework & organized  
support

- Peaceful, dignified civil disobedience
- Agreements for participation

Houston, Boston & Chicago Sit-in/Actions

Bi-weekly conference calls & coaches

Roles: Leaders, Arrestees, Legal (Police Liaison, Police  
Observers, Jail Support), Media & Rally

**Event/Sit-in planned between April 1 and 15, 2014**

“On Notice Letter Delivery” - Nov. 20 at Fed Ct House

More activities/events/gatherings planned in the new year

**350Eugene/Springfield/Lane C. – emerging organizing**

Community Alliance of Lane County – Michael Carrigan

Oregon Climate Action Now - Megan Kemple

Citizen's Climate Lobby/ESSN – Milton Takei & Shelly

Pineo-Jensen, Jack Dresser

Green Drinks & Letter Writing – Cary Thompson & Dan  
Goldrich

Encircle Films – Paul Howard & Vicki Anderson

Climate Summit @ Cozmic – Justine Cooper

Occupy Inter-Faith & EarthKeepers (“Faith Caucus”)

350Corvallis – Leonard Higgins

350Portland & Portland Rising Tide

Indigenous People's connections

Lane CC – Jennifer Hayward?

Univ. of Oregon - ?

City of Eugene – Matt McCrae