



Sustainable Rossmoor General Membership Meeting Minutes May 5, 2020

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions	Brad Waite
Financial & Membership Reports	Amanda Casey & Dave Kern
Shelter-In-Place Suggestions: Results from Last Meeting	Barry Brian & Brad Waite
Featured Local Environmental Group: Sunflower Alliance	Shoshana Wechsler
2020 Action Campaigns:	
Vote Climate: Environmental Voter Project	Barry Brian & Brad Waite
Tree Planting & Preservation Committee	Barry Brian
Planet Friendly Eating Committee	Dave Casey
Standing Committee Reports	
Trask Talk Committee	Carol Weed
Film Committee	Carol Weed
SR Calendar Update	Amanda Casey

Welcome and Introductions:

Welcome to the second virtual SR Membership Meeting held online using the Zoom Application. It is available via computer, laptop, tablet and phone.

- Mute yourself when not speaking
- Raise hand button (or send chat to Barry) if you wish to speak
- For technical help chat or text Adrian (415-465-2189) or Barry (215-285-0854)

Financial & Membership Reports for March 2020

Beginning Bank Balance	\$9,317
Total Revenue	\$ 120
Total Expenses	- \$286
Ending Bank Balance	\$9,151

Current membership is 145 paid Members. Membership is more difficult now since Gateway is closed and in-person meetings and films are cancelled. There is a Rossmoor News article promoting membership and providing contact information.

Shelter-In-Place Activities: Results from Last Meeting

- Join online groups and organizations
- Support reducing pollution in articles to RN
- Recognize benefit to climate of reduction of greenhouse gases during SIP
- Use SIP time to look at webpages/webinars and become more motivated
- Read Thomas Friedman editorial in NYT "[What America Needs Next](#)"
- Utilize RN for conversations on climate change
- Covid crisis provides lessons and demonstrates unsustainability/unresilience
- Use RN articles to crossover Covid-19 to Climate Change
- Share info on online movies and YouTube videos

Additional Shelter-In-Place Suggestions

- Get on the agenda at SR Meetings to address Climate Change



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- Reduce plastics by writing articles and letters to the Rossmoor News
- Contribute updated content to the SR Website
- Join Meatless Monday and sign up for the Meatless Monday Newsletter

Sunflower Alliance Presentation by Shoshana Wechsler

- Origin of Sunflower Alliance followed march of 4000 concerned citizens on the Chevron Refinery following an explosion at the refinery and following Bill McKinnon's advice to "take the fight to the refinery."
- Sunflower Alliance works on the front lines of local fights against fossil fuel pollution and the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in Contra Costa County
- Fossil fuel industry in Contra Costa County is huge. CCC is home to several big refineries
- Phillips 66 is not planning to reduce fossil fuels and is well equipped to process tar sands and import sulfurous crude from outside of California that increase pollution and health threats
- The refinery supports deep dredging in San Francisco and San Pablo bays and in the Carquinez Straits to allow new larger tankers to reach their refineries
- The refineries will not go away without a fight and support from Contra Costa Supervisors
- Sunflower Alliance needs your support: go to www.sunflower-alliance.org, read featured articles, get their weekly announcements, and watch for Alerts requesting Public Response

Vote Climate: Environmental Voter Project

- Continuing work to elect politicians with agenda to address climate crisis
- Political Action: How to get politically active –
 - Use time to get informed on issues and to take action on fossil fuels issues
 - Be prepared to act quickly to affect policy of the California legislature

Tree Planting & Preservation Committee

- Barry Brian is working on changes in the TPPC
- Survey to members and interested parties to help recast the direction of the committee

Planet Friendly Eating Committee

- Encourage planet-friendly eating, one bite at a time, to reduce and reverse climate change
- The PFE team is coordinating with Sustainable Costa Costa (SCOCO) and participated in the SCOCO online 50th Earth Day Celebration with "Eating Lower on the Carbon Chain"
- Sustainable Rossmoor Steering Committee approved the Meatless Monday Proclamation and supports a meatfree diet at least one day per week
- All SR Members invited to join Meatless Monday and sign up for the weekly Meatless Monday Newsletter

Trash Talk Committee

- Encourage neighbors to take ALL cardboard boxes to MOD verses in local recycle bins
- COMPOST more, include paper towels, napkins
- Rapid Recycle is available to pick up electric items for free – phone 925 671-9008

Sustainable Rossmoor Film Committee

- Current film to watch: "Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"
- There will be an online Zoom discussion about the film

Sustainable Rossmoor Website Calendar

- Effort is underway to update the SR website and the SR Calendar
- Please forward website updates to Amanda Casey

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.

Submitted by Dave Casey, SR Secretary