

## Notes of 100Grannies meeting 1/26/2016

Barbara Schlachter chaired the meeting. Jan Stephan took notes.

The meeting was attended by 23 members with two new member joining us.

Barbara read a letter to the group from Ann Christiansen who is visiting England.

Gift card in recognition and support for Grannies efforts in eliminating the use of single use plastic bags from New Pi Co-op were passed out and the group was encouraged to support the coop and its sustainability efforts.

Congratulations were extended to Granny Lisa Green-Douglas on her recent election to the Board of Supervisors.

Barbara read the letter that is being sent to the city council after their request for public input on city issues. It included:

1. Effort to eliminate single use plastic bags in the city.
2. elimination of the use of pesticides on public spaces.
3. Include apartments/condos in city recycling plan.
4. Use sustainable building practices in all new builds.
5. Improve and expand public transportation options.
6. Offer an opportunity to discuss issues before council has made up their minds.
7. Transition to the use of sustainable energy.

Mary Beth provided a handout of 2015 activities review with the understanding that not everything might be listed but was done to the best of her records and memory.

The spring Lecture series handout was provided for those who did not have one and Becky Hall requested volunteers to introduce the speakers.

Prairie Preview will again be held this spring at Celebration Barn on 3/10. The Grannies will table there and volunteers were requested.

Barbara passed around the nomination form for Rob Hogg if anyone wanted to sign it.

Miriam reported on the Climate Emergency Caucus that Ed Fallon is organizing in Des Moines for 1/29 from 7-9PM. This is an excellent opportunity for press coverage with all the national press in Iowa to cover the caucus. It will be a model caucus and Jane Kleeb is one of the guest speakers as well as Tom Harkin.

State caucus is coming up on 2/1/16 so suggested caucus planks regarding climate issues were shared with the group as well as suggesting that the Sierra Club website had more suggestions. A short general discussion followed regarding Joni Ernst's efforts to overthrow the EPA and her seeming lack of concern about Iowa's water quality.

Miriam discussed the march from Philly to DC that she plans to participate in in early April-140 miles/10 days. To bring attention to the need to get money out of politics. This will be followed by a sit in at the capitol. Should she get arrested-plan to send bail money!:-)

CRWG report on their goals and plans for house parties to educate each other and the public on the issues and actions. They have organized a house party committee and an ordinance committee whose goal is to write an ordinance for IC regarding the banning of pesticides on school grounds. There is a draft ordinance written and they are working with other community

groups involved with this issue. Paul Cienfuego will return to Iowa in Feb to continue the CRWG work. Dates and places to be announced later.

A brief report was given by those who attended the No Bakken Press event at the state capitol where testimony was given regarding the Bakken and a letter was delivered to Branstad's office requesting specific actions be taken before the IUB decision comes down. Time was also spent lobbying our legislators regarding climate issues.

Becky Ross reported a balance of \$2886.12 in the treasury.

We broke into committee groups to discuss committee goals and actions planned for the next year.

1. education Committee-continue with community education. Upcoming opportunities-Prairie Preview and continued story time.
2. Diet/Climate-continue with self education, work on a letter to local restaurants encouraging a vegan option on menu, contact chamber about listing options for Vegan/vegetarian dining in IC-Coralville.
3. Bag Committee-Letter to Susan Mims regarding bags in the city;Coordinate with student groups for activities;Coordinate with Jen Jordan
4. Communication Committee- Roberta will work on Grannie PR; Katharyn could use some help with the computer stuff
5. Speakers Committee-no report
6. Activism committee-Will get events on the website calendar and worked on setting goals for the year
7. Legislative committee-explored option for getting legislators engaged in climate actions.

Next meeting will be 2/23 with steering Committee meeting on 2/16.

We adjourned to Banditos for food and to present an award to the owner for their environmentally encouraging business goals and activities.