**MEETING OF Citizens Climate Lobby**, Parkersburg Chapter; and **MOV Climate Action**.

Date: Thurs. 11-19-15 Time: 7-9 pm Judge Black Annex, Fort Boreman Room, Parkersburg, WV.

Led by Eric Engle, Group Leader of Parkersburg CCL with assistance from Jean Ambrose and Wendy Tuck.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Cindy Taylor (cwtaylor50@gmail.com)

Attending: Eric Engle, Bill and Jean Ambrose, Louise and Carl Long, Wayne Dunn, Mike and Adeline Bailey, Damaris Thompson, Gary Thompson, Cindy Taylor, Kane Maiers, Miranda Dunn Maiers, Wendy Tuck, and Carol Sedgwick. (Total:15)

Week Prior to this meeting, through Emails from/to Eric, members voted on the desired name for the local climate group, it is **MOV Climate Action**. Voting results: MOV Climate Action (9), MOV Climate Council (3), MOV Climate Alliance (2), MOV-CCCC (2) [CCCC is Citizens Concerned about Climate Change]. The other possible names which received no votes were: MOV Climate Forum, MOV Climate Education, MOV Climate League, and MOV Climate Squad.

Preparation for tonight’s meeting: Eric Engle with assistance from Wayne Dunn and technology support got computer projection technology working! Sign-In sheet, and Name tags provided. Jean Ambrose circulated a printed Agenda, and a printout of the article, “What Climate Change Asks of Us: Moral Obligation, Mobilization and Crisis Communication.” By Margaret Klein Salamon, Director of Climate Mobilization.

I. Enthusiastic Welcome by Eric. Jean Ambrose joined in welcome to new members and followed by asking all in attendance to introduce themselves and state what motivates them to be here tonight. Cindy Taylor volunteered to record minutes.

II. Sharing News about recent local Climate concerns and activities and participation by members:

1.Friends of the Hughes River Watershed Assoc. https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheHughes/ have been raising environmental concerns about **Antero** Resources’ plans for development of the SANDSTROM frack water treatment plant, a scrubbing facility for fracking waste in Doddridge County, WV. Gene and Jane Hearne weren’t able to be here tonight to give more details, but awareness was raised. Request for follow-up details to be presented by Hearnes at future meetings.

2. MEDIA successes and plans presented by Eric Engle: Monday, Nov.16, he was interviewed by Jeff Baughn of the *Parkersburg News and Sentinel*, publication tba. Eric has noted local interest and cooperation from News media; he has had inquiries from other WV regions who wish to republish Eric’s op-ed response to Sen. Joe Manchin’s op-ed column. Eric’s article was titled “A Solution to the ‘War on Coal’ and was published Nov 10,2015 by *The Charleston Gazette-Mail*; Upcoming TV coverage: **WTAP’s Daybreak Program** is scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 1, 2015: 2 people, 3 min, submit 3 questions for interview. Extended discussion followed regarding how to introduce CCL and MOV Climate Action, names to use, who could participate, and what should be covered.

Regarding the **WTAP coverage** it was generally agreed that: 1)Both CCL-Parkersburg/MOV Chapter and MOV Climate Action will be introduced as organizations working together and goals briefly explained without mentioning details of CCL’s Carbon Fee and Dividend Proposal. 2) The other two topics to be covered will relate to Paris Climate Summit and Global Climate Change is REAL. 3) Eric Engle will be one of the interviewees and the group requests that Carl Long join him and help explain about Global Climate reality.

3. US Bureau of Land Management and Wayne National Forest held a Public meeting at Marietta College, Tues. 11/18/15/ to discuss possibility of opening our National Forest lands to hydraulic fracking by oil and gas companies, who have expressed interest. Bill Ambrose attended and shared his experience and opinions: High security was threatening; most attendees appeared to be pro fracking; not hopeful to get major response to stop. Eric Engle shared a handout explaining the Environmental Review and process that BLM is supposed to be following according to NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) . There are concerns about BLM following proper procedures and Environmental Reviews. More information is on our FACEBOOK page including a video post by Rebecca Phillips showing public anti-fracking response at BLM public meeting in Athens, Ohio and mistreatment of protesters by a Forest Service Employee.

4. Wendy Tuck reported on her work with Faith-Based Initiative: working with Faith groups and Ministerial Alliance to addressing spiritual needs/concerns as we all face Climate Change. The Initial gathering was held on Wed. October 14 at St. Margaret Mary’s Parish Hall, 2508 Dudley Ave. inviting the public to respond to Pope Francis’ Encyclical Laudato Si on the Care For Our Common Home. Wendy, Sister Molly, and Jean Ambrose recently met and they decided to continue working within the churches and to invite anyone involved in a faith-based organization, who wants to strategize what we can do from here to impact the environmental crisis. That planning and organizing meeting will be held 6-8pm Tues Dec 1 at Sister Molly's house on Park St, Parkersburg, WV. Wendy’s contact: **wendytuck5@gmail.com**

. Wendy has also written a letter to the editor for the *Parkersburg News and Sentinel* to be published. Post Note: It was published Sunday Nov.22,2015 and titled “No drilling in forest” See below. http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/618112/No-drilling-in-forest.html?nav=5257

III. Discussion of Name of MOV Climate Action and relationship to CCL-Parkersburg and how to present and organize with both of these groups. Group suggests both be mentioned on Facebook page as well as WTAP. More clarity to be determined.

IV. Jean Ambrose’s Educational Presentation sharing the article, “What Climate Change Asks of Us: Moral Obligation, Mobilization and Crisis Communication” by Margaret Klein Salamon, co-founder of **Climate Mobilization**. (This article was originally web-published by the group Common Dreams Dec 19, 2014 and is accessible on their web page: http://www.commondreams.org/views/2014/12/19/what-climate-change-asks-us-moral-obligation-mobilization-and-crisis-communication. It was sent to Ambroses by Jim Probst (WV CCL), and can also be also be accessed from our facebook page).

Summarizing key points: How can we best help; Pluralistic ignorance of the climate emergency; With Climate Crisis need to put people in role of being a rescuer; large scale social movement needed, and call for Pledge to Mobilize, Jean showed a copy of the one page Pledge document created by **The Climate Mobilation** . To learn more see their website: http://www.theclimatemobilization.org/

V. Our FACEBOOK Page explained and presented by Eric Engle (live on projection screen!). The page is [www.facebook.com/parkersburgandmidohiovalleycitizensclimatelobby](http://www.facebook.com/parkersburgandmidohiovalleycitizensclimatelobby" \t "_blank). You must be a facebook user to access the page, so get registered if you want to see it! Then find the page and request that you want to join. Eric Engle will receive your request and give OK (There may be a delay anywhere from a few minutes/ hours to a day or two, depending on his whereabouts!) It’s that easy and you will become a member and be able to see it as well as post to it. If you are not a FACEBOOK user feel free to send pertinent information directly to Eric and he will post it for you. Eric Engle’s contact info: Phone: (304) 488-4384 Email: [ericengle85@yahoo.com](mailto:ericengle85@yahoo.com" \t "_blank) / [eengle2@wvup.edu](mailto:eengle2@wvup.edu" \t "_blank)

Total FACEBOOK membership was 96 and climbed to 99 by the end of the meeting!

VI. FILM: Postponed the Planned showing of the short film: “Keeping the Earth: Religious and Scientific Perspectives on the Environment,” a 27 minute film produced by Union of Concerned Scientists in cooperation with the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE). To be scheduled at future time.

VII. Group Photo taken by Bill Ambrose

VIII. WHAT NEXT for MOV Climate Action? Exploring Goals, interests, needs, and avenues for Action:

Lead by Jean Ambrose with assistance from Wendy Tuck. The interests, talents, and ideas from this group started at the previous meeting, and tonight Jean led us in recording what they are and helping to guide us in where to go next. All brainstormed to list all the possible things which the MOV Climate Action Group might do and topics which are important to them. As each idea surfaced from the group, they were recorded on boards, and large paper so all could be clearly viewed. Impressive and creative list created and many wonderful ideas and much collaborative enthusiasm built during this session! Then each person was given three green stickers and three yellow stickers. Each was asked to place the green sticker on the suggestions which he/she thinks are most important, and place the yellow stickers on the suggestions which are most doable. **Jean will summarize all this information and present it to the group**. Responses were photographed to have additional record.

XI. MEETING DATES: **Agreed to meet on First and Third Thursdays of the Month**

Next Meeting Dates scheduled for **Thursday Dec 3. 7-9 pm** And **Thursday Dec. 17, 7-9** pm

Judge Black Annex, Fort Boreman Room, Parkersburg, WV (directly across from the Blennerhassett Hotel on Market Street).

It was closer to 10 pm when the meeting concluded!