**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**April 12, 2016**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Alice Keller, Afifi Durr, Ian Taylor, Devra Gartenstein, Lee Keim, Bill Dwyer, Bettelinn Brown, Amy Anscher, Jean Hilde, Sarah Kaye, Lois Harrison.

Meeting called to order at 6PM by chair, Jean Hilde.

Minutes. Meetings from the previous meeting were reviewed and adopted without revision.

Compliments. Ian complimented Bill’s hat. Attendees noted that Ian was also wearing a wonderful hat and sweater, and that Afifi and Bettelin were also wearing noteworthy hats.

Treasurer’s Report. Sarah reported that the BNA’s bank account currently has have $179.02.

Newsletter. The deadline for the upcoming issue is May 1. Alice plans to complete and deliver the newsletter the week after that. The midsummer issue will be her last.

City of Shoreline Volunteer Appreciation Night. This is an annual event, where city councilmembers and the mayor speak. Members of the neighborhood leadership team are invited.

 Game night. Game Night will be held on April 15th. There was only one guest at the last game night, which raises the issue of marketing challenges when holding the event every month. Attendees brainstormed about ways to increase attendance. Ideas included outreach through the Shoreline Area News and Secret Shoreline, networking with other neighborhood organizations, and putting out signs earlier.

Neighborhood picnic-It will be held on August 27. Save the date.

Storytelling. The April 2 event with Roger Hernandes was successful. It drew 63 people and made a little money. The next big storytelling event with NWHR is scheduled for June, with cowboy storytellers. Sarah won’t be present; someone else should be designated to handle the cash.

Homelessness. Jean has contacted Pamela Kinnnaird, Shoreline liaison for homeless students, who will attend the next BNAmeeting. Attendees discussed the possibility of an interim meeting in late April if the May meeting doesn’t allow sufficient time time to effectively discuss the topic. Lois suggested that if we publicize that we’re working on the issue, that might draw people to the BNA.

Officer elections. Elections will be held at the May general meeting, so it’s time to publicize the slate of candidates. Alice nominated Jean. Jean has thought about it and is willing. Jean nominated Sarah, who is willing to stay on as treasurer. Alice nominated Devra to continue as secretary. Alice nominated Amy to continue as assistant director. Amy feels like she should not continue with the position, though she enjoys coming to meetings and hosting storytelling. Alice and Ian nominated each other for assistant director. Alice is somewhat open to the possibility. Amy is open to being the CON representative.

Block party. A discussion of the event will be added to next month’s agenda.

Presentation by Mary Reidy, Shoreline recreation superintendent. The Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan needs to be updated every 6 years, evaluating changing needs and demographics. The coming update has been moved up a year to 2016 to correspond with a couple of upcoming projects. The biggest demand moving forward is for adult programs, especially aquatics. Most pools and recreational facilities are currently owned by school district. There’s an online survey which is open until June, and neighbors are encouraged to fill it out. Attendees discussed possible projects, including Bellelinn’s interest in connecting Southwoods to Hamlin Park. Next month the BNA will talk more about ideas we’d like to propose, and how much energy we’d like to put into bringing this to a larger meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.