**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**December 8, 2015**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Sarah Kaye, Amy Anscher, Alice Keller, Devra Gartenstein, Ian Taylor, Lois Harrison, Glinda K Matthews, Jean Hilde, Afifi Durr. Amy Anscher, Paul Kowalski, Erin Middleton

Meeting called to order at 7Pm by chair, Jean Hilde. The main orders of business were to discuss neighborhood communication and events, and to enjoy snacks and gather informally to celebrate the season.

Minutes. Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and adopted with minor revisions.

Council of Neighborhoods report. Erin Middleton reported that Maureen Colaizzi, a representative from the Parks Department, spoke at the CON meeting about wanting to reach out to the community and revamp parks, especially the pool next to Spartan Recreational Center. The department is conducting a feasibility study about this particular site, and also looking into possibility of situating parks near light rail stations. Kendra Dedinsky, a traffic engineer, also spoke at the meeting. She talked about 145th Street Project, and reported that the Light Rail extension for Shoreline is projected to be complete by 2023. The transportation department has traffic signs available for neighbors to borrow, as well as radar trailers that flash vehicle speeds and encourage speed limit compliance. Anyone interested can email her at kdedinsky@shorelinewa.gov. The city is also offering mini grants to neighborhoods, so the leadership team will brainstorm about possibilities for mini grant proposals.

Treasurer’s report. Sarah Kaye reported funds of $239. She wasn’t able to get the bank account going this month, and is still trying to figure out which category of nonprofit applies to the neighborhood association. If it’s a 501C3, there’s a possibility of securing matching donations from some participating employers. The organization made $4.10 at game night, and needs money mainly for printing and mailing the newsletter. Jean Hilde will invite Constance Perenyi to the January meeting to talk about mini grants

Game Night report. Three new families showed, and there were about 15 people altogether. It was a successful event, with mingling, and good door prizes, Attendees discussed the possibility of holding a game night every month, and the idea was moved, seconded, approved. The next game night will be held on Friday January 15th at Patty Pan.

Storytelling report and presentation. Afifi Durr expressed an interest in holding regular storytelling events in Shoreline. Attendees agreed to hold a storytelling event on February 5 at Patty Pan. Affifi Durr gave a quick presentation on storytelling techniques and strategies, including talking about an early or recent memory, including the place, the people, and the problem, and concluding with the fix and the lesson. The audience’s job is to listen, and give positive feedback if the teller desires. Events can be organized around a main speaker who speaks for 20 minutes or so, followed by an open mike period allotting 5 to 7 minutes per speaker. Affifi Durr will line up guests for the February 5 event, Jean Hilde will take care of publicity, and Alice Keller will provide details in in the Briarcrest newsletter.

Website and communications. Communications are currently disjointed: Briarcrestneighbors.net is on hiatus; the Google group sends out emails; neighbors make periodic posts on Nextdoor and on the neighborhood’s Facebook page. Amy Anscher volunteered to create a more cohesive site by January 1 using Wordpress, and pointing it to Briarcrestneighbors.net.

Welcome committee. Jean Hilde reported that Constance Perenyi is interested in working with the neighborhood to put together a list of new homeowners. The city can provide welcome packets, to be delivered by anyone interested in participating, starting in January.

Newsletter. Alice Keller reported coming into the meeting concerned about not having enough material for the upcoming newsletter, but the preceding discussion alleviated these concerns.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30. Members stayed and enjoyed an appealing array of snacks.