**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**May 10, 2016**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Alice Keller, Afifi Durr, Ian Taylor, Devra Gartenstein, Erin Middleton, Bettelinn Brown, Amy Anscher, Jean Hilde, Sarah Kaye, Lois Harrison, Emily Schul, Brenda Pagdilao.

Minutes. The minutes from April’s meeting were approved with revisions, particularly regarding the discussion of block parties.

Newsletter. Alice reported that the process was traumatic this time: she sent the newsletter to 163 people via email, received quite a few delayed delivery messages, and sent it out again two days later with similar results. Eight out of the ten people whose newsletters bounced back were with Earthlink, and the problem turned out to be a Gmail issue. On her fifth try she successfully sent the newsletter via Yahoo. She received two responses to her announcement that this was her penultimate issue, and Emily Schul is interested in taking over.

Parks. Ian sent a letter to Mary Reidy proposing an informal opening to Grace Cole Park on the Briarcrest side. The idea was welcomed, and as a neighborhood organization we can have some input on how this will be done. Bettelinn suggested enlisting Grace Cole’s family, who live near the park. Alice pointed out that a Briarcrest entrance might be an issue for the neighbors who live on either side of where this entrance would be.

Treasurer’s report. The amount in the organization’s bank account is unchanged. An additional $3 was donated at the current meeting.

Patty Pan garden. A group of Briarcrest neighbors are working to upgrade the Patty Pan garden and make it into an appealing gathering space. Ian is spearheading the project and has enlisted a landscape design professional to donate an hour and a half of her time.

Storytelling. There will be a storytelling event on Friday, May 13 at Amy and Jon’s. Come and tell stories. Affifi proposed holding regular storytelling events on the second Friday of every other month, resuming on the second Friday in September. The cowboy storytelling event will be held on June 3, a collaboration with NWHRC at the Shorecrest High School library.

Game Night. The next one is on Friday May 20. There was a decent turnout last time.

Summer picnic. Scheduled for Saturday August 27 at Hamlin Park.

Guests. April and the City of Shoreline rep both cancelled, but it’s worth noting that their projects interface: gardens provide food. There was more discussion of neighborhood involvement in solutions to food insecurity. Bettelinn has spoken to Harriet Tibbets, church deacon at Prince of Peace, about trying to collaborate with public schools. The YMCA provides food for POP dinners, so they may be a resource we can draw on. Bettelinn also spoke with Cathy Schindler, who wants to create a proposal specific to the Briarcrest Elementary PTSA. Call of Compassion NW was also mentioned as a resource. Brenda mentioned that her daughters sometimes pack extra sandwiches for classmates in need.

June 28 Block Party. Spread the word.

Officer elections. Jean was reelected as director, Alice was elected as assistant director, Sarah was reelected as treasurer, and Devra was reelected as recording secretary. Bettelinn suggested that we also create a corresponding secretary position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19.