**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**August 9, 2016**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Jean Hilde, Alice Keller, Bettelinn Brown, Devra Gartenstein, Ian Taylor, Lee Keim, Lois Harrison, Emily Schuel.

Meeting called to order at 7PM by chair, Jean Hilde.

Meeting minutes. The minutes from the June 14 meeting were approved, although they weren’t on hand.

Newsletter. Emily is the new editor, Alice did a great job squeezing the content for the previous newsletter into the space allotted by the city for the printed version. The next newsletter is scheduled for mid-October.

CON report. There was CON report because there was no CON meeting.

Picnic. Jean passed around a list of chores. Attendees delegated tasks and discussed ways to step up outreach. Lee will staff the gardening section, and we need someone to oversee the food. Devra will provide lemonade. Kids’ activities will include bubbles, face painting, and crafts, possibly popsicle trebuchets like last year. There will be a signup sheet for the newsletter and for the BNA. Alice suggested including follow-up as an agenda item for the meeting following the picnic. Also we should keep a list of who volunteered for what activity to establish continuity. Vonnie’s church will provide ice cream. A $10 Facebook ad might be a good way to spread the word. Attendees discussed whether it would be feasible to collect (and possibly distribute) school supplies through Hopelink and other organizations with similar programs, but the school district will be distributing supplies on the same date, so the timing may not work.

Welcome packets. Amy picked up some packets at the CON meeting, and we have a years’ worth of new neighbor names. If we can get them delivered before the picnic they may come to the picnic.

Weed removal tools. Kurt Peterson has loaned some weed wrenches for neighborhood use. They’re at Bettelinn’s house. Bettelinn and some helpers removed a couple of invasive trees from a parking strip using the tools. They’re excellent for removing holly, but nothing bigger than 2 ½ inches in diameter. If we let the neighborhood know they’re available, we can remove some invasive holly. Lee will be talking about invasives at the picnic.