**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**June 14, 2016**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Amy Anscher, Jean Hilde, Lois Harrison, April Ingle, Bettelinn Brown, Erin Maurer, Janelle Woolsey, Nellie Ann Mills, Devra Gartenstein, Sarah Kaye, Phoenica Zhang.

New attendee introductions. Erin, Janelle, and Nellie Ann introduced themselves and spoke of a shared interest in food programs.

Minutes. The minutes from May’s meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Treasurer’s report. We have $252 and change ($254 after a donation at the meeting.) Attendees discussed options for spending the money, including making a donation to a feeding program

Newsletter. Submit ideas for the upcoming issue to Alice. The next issue will be the one that will be mailed, with funding for the mailing provided by the city. It will be shorter than usual, and the picnic will be its primary focus.

CON report. Amy attended and reported that there were awards and food, and Rep Jesse Solomon spoke. Amy observed that the meeting is a good place to share info about Briarcrest events. Representatives from other neighborhoods shared ideas and info about their events, such as Ridgecrest movie night.

Game night. There was a dismal turnout this month, and Jean suggested we take time off and try to bring the idea back to life in the fall, possibly coordinating with other neighborhoods. Attendees agreed to revisit the idea in the fall, but to let it go if there isn’t sufficient interest.

Storytelling. June’s cowboy storytelling event was successful and intimate, with 37-40 attendees. The BNA plans to hold storytelling events every other month, after taking a summer hiatus.

Block Parties. Instead of coordinating with the National Night Out, 27th Ave NE will hold its block party on Tuesday June 28. The guest of honor will be new city person in charge of diversity and inclusion-Suni Talton. Patty Pan will set up its market booth. For the National Night Out there will be simultaneous block parties on other streets in the neighborhood. Check the BNA web site for details. As the contact person/neighborhood rep, Jean can get the fee waived for closing a street for the occasion. Even if you’re not closing your street, it’s a good idea to sign up with the city anyway so they can count your participation and so that you can be included in the lottery for visits from the police or fire department.

Annual summer picnic. 70 people attended last year at Hamlin Park. There were lots of kids and families. This year’s picnic is scheduled for August 27. Jean will send out an email regarding planning.

Hunger intervention. Nellie, Janelle, Erin, and Vonnie, guests at the meeting, attended because of their interest in food outreach. Phoenica Zhang, who works with the Hunger Intervention Program (HIP), attended as well. Pamela Kinnaird, the Homeless Education Liaison for the Shoreline School District, is working with Briarcrest and Kellogg on backpack meal programs, and is planning a program in the fall for Shorecrest, modeling it after Shorewood. There are currently backpack program at five different Shoreline schools. (Kellogg is a recent partner.) Other ideas included a mobile food pantry, possibly parked at Hamlin Park. Home delivery is an option as well. Though home delivery is usually reserved for the home-ridden, some families also have issues making it to distribution sites. Confidentiality is another issue with school backpack programs, especially at the high school level, because students often don’t want their peers to know they’re eligible for subsidized food. April pointed out that parents may not be aware of the program, so there should be better ways to get the word out including providing info at registration night, or at Back to School Night, which has district-wide outreach. There are summer meal programs and free lunches available for students over the summer. BNA members could volunteer to bring bags from packing sites to schools, or to staff distribution sites. April brought up the possibility of the Briarcrest Elementary garden donating produce. Bettelinn suggested addressing local hunger intervention projects as a legislative issue.

Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.