**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**February 14, 2017**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Lois Harrison, Lee Keim, Bill Keim, Bettelinn Brown, Afifi Durr, Alice Keller, Jean Hilde, Devra Gartenstein, Ann Lynch, Paul Kowalski.

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Minutes. January’s minutes were approved with minor revisions.

Bank account. The balance remains essentially the same as last month ($153), minus a book of stamps. It’s helping to have the city print the newsletter. Bettelinn expressed concern about the city limiting our freedom of expression. Jean said the city only has to approve the newsletter for the yearly one they mail.

CON. City Council member Doris McConnell gave an update on city council activity. Kim Hendrickson, the woman who is spearheading RADAR, the police mental health program, spoke about the program’s approach: having a mental health professional riding along on calls that may require their skills. Lois asked whether we could we have someone from the program speak at a meeting. At the CON meeting, attendees also participated in a five- minute exercise with tables dedicated to particular topics. People who knew about each topic had the opportunity to meet with people who wanted to know more. Jean sat at the communications table with Patty Hale, and asked about outreach for events like the ice cream social. Patty said to hang in there and give it time. Ian will go to next month’s CON meeting.

Storytelling. The BNA got the grant to bring Norm Brecke and Ann Rutherford for a three-hour workshop, which the storytellers agreed to do for $250. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 23. Afifi suggested promoting it as kid friendly, so Jean will query the storytellers about age range. We still need to find a venue. Jean sent a request to Fircrest but hasn’t yet gotten a response. She’ll call and follow up. Bettelinn suggested the First Christian Reformed Church, and Prince of Peace could work as well, especially because they have a preschool. Bettelinn suggested we also communicate with the First Christian Reformed Church, and with Curtis Campbell because of his connections with the school district. Alice suggested that we take registrations so we can cap the number of attendees. We explored the question of whether or not to charge money. Afifi said that if we do, it should be as a suggested donation. Bill asked about the overall goal, and suggested that we decide the fee based on what we really want. We’ll find out whether there are expenses involved, and decide at the next BNA meeting.

Mini-Grant to feed people. Devra submitted an idea letter to Constance Perenyi, but the project as proposed didn’t quite meet the city’s criteria. Bettelinn asked if there might be a way to involve children, such as by tying in film and food. Afifi suggested that we tie it in with storytelling.

Homelessness. Lee joined the Shoreline Neighborhood Action Council. Lois explained the details of moving the homeless encampment from St Dunstan’s on February 18. The new site will be the Methodist Church near the library. Greater Seattle Cares/United We Stand will have info about where and when they’d appreciate meals. Lois said that the Shoreline city council has been working on an ordinance regarding tent cities.

Map Your Neighborhood. BNA members have expressed some interest in this program, but there’s little support from the city so far. Alice observed that Shoreline isn’t yet organized for emergency preparedness. Brian Dixon doesn’t seem to be working on neighborhood hubs now, but he is working on major hubs. Lee commented that it’s up to us to get prepared, for example, call a meeting with immediate neighbors and share info about who might need help in a crisis. Alice said that in the event of a catastrophe the fire department isn’t allowed to respond to a specific fire emergency until they survey the entire neighborhood to determine the greatest need. We discussed options for a hub in Briarcrest, which should include places to land helicopters, such as football fields. Everyone in the neighborhood should be within a quarter mile of a location. High schools might make more sense than elementary school because it will be a priority to get elementary schools up and running quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.