**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

April 11, 2017

In attendance: Jean Hilde, Emily Shuel, Amy Anscher, Sarah Kaye, Bill Dwyer, Lee Keith, Janelle Woolsey, Nellie Ann Mills, Jill Boyd, Lois Harrison, Bettelinn Brown, Afifi Durr, Paul Kowalski, Sophia Kowalski

1. Meeting called to order 7:02pm by Jean Hilde
2. **Approval of minutes**. Bettelinn corrected last sentence on last meeting minutes. Words repeat. Alice also had a change (from email). Sarah moved to approve, Lois seconded. Minutes as amended are approved.
3. **Treasurer’s report**. Sarah reported that we have about $100 cash, but funds are obligated for the storytelling event deposit at North City Water District.
   1. Afifi suggested that we ask for donations at more events.
4. **Council of Neighborhoods**. Sophia reported on items at her first meeting.
   1. Shoreline City Council member Jesse Solomon spoke on four topics including:
      1. Parcel land on 198th and Aurora (60 units of low income housing).
      2. Talking about security scheduling (for service industry jobs)—Shoreline is watching Seattle (businesses with >500 employees and >40 locations will pass rule).
      3. City staff get paid family leave.
   2. Shoreline not officially recognized as sanctuary city. [Lois spoke briefly about specifics of sanctuary city issue. City employees will not cooperated with ICE. Jill is concerned that schools may not be included in this.]
   3. Council of Neighborhoods is in need of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Nominating Committee. There are also summer events in neighborhoods coming up that need volunteers.
   4. Other events: Shoreline Arts fest June 24-25. April 26 appreciation event. July 25 CON picnic.
   5. Public Art project at Celebrate Shoreline. Email Constance if you want to be on the public art installation council.
   6. Council also talked about how to make summer events more inclusive. Sophia will scan and send around worksheet provided at meeting.
5. **Newsletter**. Spring issue is circulated. No issue from the city printing a third page!
6. **Mini-Grant**. Constance approved ideas letter for mini-grant. Amy will complete grant document. Ideas circulated about if we should charge for the signs or request donation. Tabling the decision about what the signs will actually say for another month. Sarah suggested we set up a poll so people can vote.
7. **Storytelling Workshop**. Venue for storytelling workshop has been reserved: the North City Water conference room. Norm Brecke, the workshop leader, would prefer that we request donations instead of charging for event, and limit to 30 people. Sophia mentioned that asking for a donation instead of charging would create a more inclusive event. Emily mentioned that we might add a “suggested donation” for event. Afifi mentioned a very successful all-day storytelling event at the Nordic Heritage Museum. She thought it might be fun to incorporate Briarcrest with other groups to do “1001 Night Story.” Arab Center already wants to be a sponsor.
8. **Regular storytelling events**. All is going well! Friday, May 5th is next storytelling.
9. **Candidate forum**. Sarah said we may not have any contested seats this year. Late September works best for Sarah for a candidates forum. Also would like to partner with Ridgecrest again this year. May get in touch with Shorecrest High School before end of the school year to get debate club (or other club) involved or student volunteers. Sarah will run with planning the forum once we have a better idea of what the field looks like.
10. **Summer picnic**. August 26th picnic at Hamlin from 3-7pm. Picnic shelter already reserved from 2-8pm. Do we want to do mini-presentations this year? Lee might do master gardener table again. Thank you, Sarah, for reminding Jean to reserve the shelter!
11. **South Woods litter**. Jill is saddened by the amount of garbage and broken glass in South Woods. She even found a pair of new shoes that she took back to Shorecrest High School. When Sarah and Jill have approached the school about the litter problem that have gotten the brush off. Lois has some historical knowledge. Parks department has not been responsive because they say they don’t have the personnel to help. Community members ended up going in and clearing out large piles of ivy themselves. Bill mentioned that there are four new forest stewards for King County. He knows how to get in touch them so this may be a resource. Afifi suggested writing a letter to the city or school. Bettelinn emailed EarthCorps and they are sending folks out in late summer to remove some holly trees and treat some laurel trees in the South Woods (unrelated to litter issue). Jean offered to email City Manager Debbie Tarry.
    1. Jean suggested setting up a regular work party to clean up the South Woods.
    2. Jill will take a crack at writing a letter about this issue and send it to Jean.
12. **Good Neighbor Giveaway**. Janelle and Nellie from the Shoreline United Methodist Church told us about the Good Neighbor Giveaway. They are looking for volunteers from the neighborhood to help at the event.
    1. Let’s ask Erin to put this event on Briarcrest FB page.
13. **BNA Elections**. It’s time for officer nominations!
    1. Nominated Treasurer: Sarah, accepted
    2. Nominated Director: Jean, accepted
    3. Nominated Asst. Director: Alice, accepted by proxy
    4. Nominated Secretary: Devra, accepted by proxy
       1. Election will be at our next meeting on May 9th.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Minutes submitted by Amy Anscher.