**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**June 13, 2017**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Janelle Woolsey, Paul Kowalski, Ian Taylor, Devra Gartenstein, Sarah Kaye, Jean Hilde, Alice Keller, Afifi Durr, Jeff Eisenbrey, Amy Anscher, Bill Dwyer, Lee Keim, Glinda K Matthews, Nellie Ann Mills, Erin Middleton.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Meeting minutes. The minutes from May gave the impression that the storytelling timer issue had been resolved, but the issue remains unresolved. (Amy has reluctantly agreed to the timer if we can put it somewhere that she can’t see it.) Paul suggested that we ask Norm about a good strategy for timing stories, and the minutes were amended to reflect the current uncertainty about the issue. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer’s report. The bank raised the minimum balance to $100 and we had $12 in our account. After the NSF fee we were in the negative and accruing daily fees. Sarah thinks we should close the bank account and try operating on a cash basis. Ian moved that Sarah be allowed to close the account, and the motion was approved. Attendees agreed to keep looking for other options. Sarah will be gone mid-August to mid-September, and Jean will serve as backup treasurer during that time.

CON report. Sophia attended, and sent out a detailed account of the meeting. We can read her email account and discuss it next month.

National Night Out. The coordinated events will take place in early August this year. The city asks participating blocks to register; this is required if you’re interested in closing your street. If interested in closing a street in Briarcrest, contact Jean or Sarah.

Good Neighbor Giveaway. Lots of lovely connections, were made at the event. There was lots of stuff, lots of people happy to be getting the stuff, and plenty of interest in doing it again next year. Next year will be easier because there’s now some infrastructure and systems.

Income tax. Jeff Eisenbrey spoke about his work on tax reform in Shoreline. Washington State has the most regressive tax system in the country. We have the highest proportion of billionaires in the world, yet we have trouble paying for schools. There’s a state Supreme Court decision pending to reverse a terrible decision from 1933 which is the basis for our lack of income tax. Jeff is working to form a coalition of community groups to support his income tax proposal. Sarah noted that the ballot initiative years ago sunk because people were afraid that taxes would creep up. Jeff responded that if there were an income tax we wouldn’t need the proposed B&O tax and the regular property tax hikes. Janelle suggested that Jeff approach churches as well (starting with the Shoreline Methodist Church). Jeff also noted that the 2010 initiative failed in Shoreline by 10 votes, and demographics have changed since then, giving it an even better shot. Attendees agreed to read the literature, craft a message, and bring it to the next meeting for a vote.

Mini-grant request. The proposal is finished. Jean brought two possible designs. There was some feedback on the signs, especially regarding the fact that they should be easy to read when driving. Attendees voted, and agreed on “Briarcrest Neighborhood celebrates kindness.”

Storytelling workshop. Posters are printed for the professional storytelling workshop,, and everything is pretty much in place. The next neighborhood storytelling event is July 7, and we should have posters and a signup sheet there for the Norm Brecke event. We currently have seven reservations for the workshop.

Renters vs. homeowners. Attendees expressed interest in finding ways to be more inclusive of our neighbors. The next newsletter, which will be mailed to all homes by the city, presents an opportunity to mention that we welcome them and encourage them to attend meetings and share concerns.

Emergency hub system. Bill has been working on the issue, and the Briarcrest neighborhood will get Shoreline’s first emergency preparedness hub. Brian Dixon doesn’t have a budget yet, but he’s working on it. The neighborhood has 750 households, not counting apartment dwellers. The long term plan is to have two hubs. We’ll probably get funding for the first one in November. Bill is putting together procedures on how to run it. He’s met with the woman who runs the Lake City hub, which is one of the biggest in Seattle. In the meantime, he’d like to take ten minutes at each meeting to go over a preparedness topic. He would also like to have block-focused meetings, and would like to show the Map Your Block video at a BNA meeting.

New neighbor packets. Jean went to the city and got a list of new neighbors and more materials. She supplemented the city list with info from a neighborhood realtor. She passed around a list for people to sign up to deliver packets.

Grace Cole Park entrance. Eric Friedli will make contact with the Lake Forest Park stewardship foundation. On May 23, Ian and Lois Harrison went to the Briarcrest PTA meeting, and the organization passed a resolution supporting the project.

Litter at Southwoods. Jean has communicated with someone at Shorecrest High School, who will organize students who are interested in helping to clean up, even if it’s over the summer. More cleanup has happened in the meantime. Bettelinn is trying to organize the cleanup effort and, will have something in the newsletter. Cleanup needs to be ongoing. Amy pointed out that there are two issues: cleaning up the trash and cleaning up invasive plants.

Next month. Attendees agreed to take July off, but there was concern about agreeing to support Jeff’s resolution in a timely fashion, so the issue will be addressed via email during the next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Devra Gartenstein.