**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**November 14, 2017**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Lee Keim, Danielle Werner, Lois Harrison, Tom Paulson, Afifi Durr, Amy Anscher, Jean Hilde, Alice Keller, Ian Taylor, Sarah Kaye, Janelle Woolsey, Bettelinn Brown, Bill Dwyer, April Ingle, Alicia Guy, Devra Gartenstein.

Meeting called to order at 7PM by chair, Jean Hilde, who stressed the importance of moving through the agenda efficiently to allow time for two scheduled presentations.

Minutes. The September and October minutes will be reviewed and approved online.

Candidates Forum-. The event worked well, although Sarah would like to see more of a turnout next time. Lois was a volunteer rock star. There was a round of applause for Sarah.

CON. Bill reported that the city manager and the emergency preparedness coordinator talked at the CON meeting. There’s going to be an emergency preparedness fair. There was also discussion of the Growth Management Act as it concerns Shoreline. The act requires that the city to add 5000 residents by 2035. Only 2000 residents have been added over the past 5 years. There’s only so much space, so the city will need to grow up. Right now there are about 57,000 people. As far as emergency management, there’s currently no funding currently for the emergency hub program, though the budget says they’re “studying” the possibility. Brian Dixon did propose a meeting with Bill, though.

Storytelling. By popular demand Ian has agreed to do another recitation of Child’s Christmas in Wales. Alice floated the idea of expanding the geographic target area and possibly including some of the neighboring neighborhoods. Bettelinn pointed out that our neighborhood is so diverse and so oddly shaped: we’re bordered by 5 different neighborhoods. Afifi emphasized the importance of diversity, and said that any approach that achieves that objective is good. She would like to collaborate with the Seattle Storytellers Guild on the 1001 Nights event in May. Jean gave the news the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council is open to providing a grant for that event.

Emergency preparedness: food. Lee gave a presentation on storage planning and best practices for food safety is case of a disaster. She displayed a cooler with appropriate food for an emergency kit, which should contain nonperishables and should have enough supply for two weeks. It’s a good idea to put together a kit/collection to keep separately from your regular food supply. Get stuff you’ll actually eat, taking into account personal preferences and special diets. Choose items that require minimal amounts of water to prepare, such as canned goods that already have moisture in them, and granola, protein bars, and dried fruit. Include food for infants and children if applicable, and store vitamins, minerals, and supplements. For storage, use containers that seal well, and store in a cool place out of direct sun. Mark the date you assemble your supply and check it every 6 months, inspecting for spoilage. Include a can opener. Keep separate thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer. Have an ice chest handy, and fill the empty spaces in your freezer with bottles of water that will give you extra chill if needed. Have a supply of disposable plates and plastic cutlery. If you lose power, keep refrigerator and freezer doors shut as much as possible. Don’t eat anything that looks funny or smells funny. Your fridge will keep stuff cold for 4 hours, and a freezer for 2 days. Devra floated the idea of exploring possibilities for the community using Patty Pan resources in case of a disaster or emergency.

Emergency preparedness in schools. Rebecca Miner and Chuck Goodwin spoke about the Shoreline School District’s mitigation plans for manmade and natural disasters. Although the state requires every district to have such a plan, Shoreline is one of only nine districts (out of more than 200) that actually have one. There’s an emergency flip chart in every classroom with specific instructions, but this chart only becomes a living document through training. Every school has on hand supplies for all students for the first day of a crisis, and enough for fifty percent of students for the second day, and twenty five percent for the third day. Rebecca Minor pointed out that Shoreline has the advantage of being geographically small, making it relatively easy to get children home when necessary. She emphasized the Importance of having someone local who can help/pick up a child in and encourages parents to regularly update emergency contact info. Bill asked about the school district’s communication plan, and whether there are ham radios. Chuck responded that the school districts have the same radios as the police dept. April expressed concern that Briarcrest Elementary doesn’t have adequate water supplies. Chuck said he’d look into it right away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.