**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**February 13, 2018**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Meeting minutes. Sarah clarified that she only wanted a token mention of poop included in the account of her disaster waste management presentation. Minutes approved as amended.

Treasurer’s report. We spent $24 on the last newsletter so we now have $210.

CON. Bill-reported that there was a presentation by the Red Cross about their program to place fire alarms in houses. He suggested that we invite them to a BNA meeting. They’ll come to your house and install as many fire alarms as you need, for free! The deadline for reserving parks for summer events has changed, and the pool will be closed February 25 to March 5 for yearly maintenance. Detective Chris Knudsen spoke about sex offenders. You can find local listings at sherrifsalert.com/registry. There are 76 sex offenders living in Shoreline, of whom 55 are low risk. Most people are molested by someone they know. High risk people live mostly in an apartment on Ballinger because few other places will rent to them. The speaker emphasized that the offenders who we don’t know about are scarier than offenders we do know about.

Picnic. Jean reserved for the same weekend as last weekend (8/25), we’ll make it an hour shorter this year (3 to 6).

Storytelling. Afifi will be gone for the March 2 event, but Amy and Alice can handle it. Afifi will tell a funny story at the Haller Lake event this Friday. The BNA will cosponsor the Arabian Nights event in May by paying for the culture room. The event organizers have all the storytellers they need now.

POPY’s Café. Lois reported that the Prince of Peace weekly Wednesday night dinner desperately needs volunteers, and may have to close if they don’t find some. They put out an SOS at the Y on Wednesday. (The Y co-sponsors the dinners.) If you’re interested, contact Dallas Wood at the Y, at 206-569-7008. The dinners draw a wide range of people, many of whom really need the meals.

Grace Cole Park. Ian gave a recap: the project was set in motion about a year ago. The highlight of this year’s work was getting the project included in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces (PROS) plan. He’s reached out to the Lake Forest Park parks department, which is forming a parks planning committee and will look at the possibility again once the committee is in place. Ian stressed the importance of being persistent and thinking of the long term. Lois added that Grace Cole lived just a couple of doors down from the proposed entrance and was a Briarcrest resident and community member.

Good neighbor giveaway. Janelle reported that the event will take place at the Shoreline United Methodist Church on May 19 this year. The city will staff a table with information about local events. The church will accept donations during the week prior, but can’t include clothing.

First Aid. Sarah spoke on the subject, with the disclaimer that she’s not qualified to be teaching first aid. In the event of an emergency, she recommends giving yourself a minute to collect yourself (say “Oh crap”), then assess the safety of the scene. Step back and try to figure out what happened. Wear gloves if you’ve got them. Make contact with the victim, introduce yourself, and ask for consent to help. Check ABC’s: airway, breathing, circulation. If any of these are compromised, this is the first priority. Sarah recommends taking some basic first aid training. Wilderness first aid training is good because the instructors make the assumption that it’ll take at least an hour to get help, so you’ll need to know what to do during that time. If you plan to do CPR, you’ll need a separate class. Bill added that doing something is generally better than doing nothing. If you aren’t a paid medical person, you’re protected by law. Bill- also mentioned that the Mountaineers Club has a great basic wilderness training.

Emergency preparedness: utilities. Bill gave a presentation showing some basic useful knowledge for dealing with utilities in case of a disaster or emergency.

* Hot water heaters have pressure release valves for temperature and pressure. Water valves that have levers are open when the lever is parallel to the pipe and closed when it’s perpendicular to the pipe. Circular valves can get clogged and may be hard to turn. In an emergency, turn off the inlet going to the water heater because if the line is contaminated, you don’t want the contaminated water going into the hot water heater. An inside water valve is usually in a crawl space.
* If you see the dials on your gas meter spinning after an emergency, there’s a gas leak, even if you don’t smell gas. The gas meter setting is closed when the holes line up.
* There’s one main switch on an electric panel that can switch off the main power. Put one hand in your pocket when doing anything with the electrical meter.
* Don’t ever go into a place taped with Danger tape. Don’t ever take down Danger tape. The only person who should take down Danger tape is the person who put it up.

Elections. We’ll be taking nominations at the March meeting. Jean is willing and ready to step down if anyone is ready and willing to step up.Alice said, “ditto”.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.