**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

**May 8, 2018**

**Patty Pan Cooperative**

Present: Jean Hilde, Alice Keller, Devra Gartenstein, Janelle Woolsey, Sarah Kaye, Lois Harrison, Bettelinn Brown, Afifi Durr.

April minutes. They were approved as written, with one amendment made in advance.

Treasurer’s Report. We have $225, after spending $9 on the last and final print newsletter.

Storytelling April 27. There was a smaller group this time, 10 people altogether. The stories were good, and Alice and Afifi thought it went well. Alice asked whether we’d like to have a storytelling event in July or take a break. Alice made a motion to skip July storytelling and resume in September. The motion was approved.

July meeting. Jean suggested we skip the July meeting as well. Sarah pointed out that it’s the month before the picnic, so we need to keep the picnic planning in mind at the June and August meetings.

Speaking of parties. Bettelinn said she was planning a block partiy on this block (hers and Patty Pan’s), on June 19, a Tuesday. Jean is organizing one as well on her block along with three other adjacent blocks, on National Night Out in August.

1001 Nights. It was a very successful event. We didn’t get an official head count, and we should try to do that next time. There were more people Friday night than Saturday afternoon, but more people Saturday night than any of the other times. Allison from the Storytelling Guild said they raised $1600. The Guild’s grant went to pay for travel expenses for storytellers. Sarah learned that Swedish meatballs are actually Turkish. Afifi learned from one of the storytellers that in Canada they tell the stories in other languages, and also in English. She would like to do some of that next time, to give more of the flavor of the tales. Alice likes the idea very much, but said that the stories would have to be short, because the stories this time were exhausting because of their length.

Earthcorps at South Woods. Bettelinn has created a coalition of people from Earthcorp, Shoreline Environmental Club, and South Woods Preservation Group. There’s a meeting this coming Wednesday at the high school, where Earthcorp will make a presentation at the Environmental Club meeting. On May 19 a group of professionals will mentor students who are getting together to clear ivy.

Newsletter. Emily has agreed to put together the summer newsletter. Sarah emphasized the importance of showcasing the picnic. If we don’t have an editor for the fall, the newsletter may fall by the wayside. If this is the case, Alice volunteered to send something out to the people who are receiving the newsletter by email to let them know.

Good neighbor giveaway. Janelle distributed flyers and spoke about how last year it was a wonderful, community building event. If anyone is interested in helping out on the Thursday or Friday before, extra hands would be appreciated.

Mini Grant idea. Jean would like to apply for funding for a P-patch on the Fircrest property. South of the swimming pool building would be an ideal location. Jean has checked with Debbie Terry to see if the city would be supportive of the idea. She eventually got a response saying the city would be supportive, although that wouldn’t necessarily translate to funding. Jean also reached out to DSHS to see if they were open to the idea. They gave her a form to fill out and she asked for BNA support to do so and asked whether, if the idea were approved, we would be interested in applying for a mini grant. Sarah is interested if Digging Shoreline can do the work to make it happen. Jean suggested contacting whoever it is who is running the P-patches in north Shoreline. She also suggested contacting Ridgecrest Neighborhood Association to see if they want to get involved. Bettelinn suggested an alternative (or satellite) spot on 15th and 150th. Jean said that part of Fircrest is trickier because it’s owned by the health department and they have plans for it.

Elections. Janelle officiated. Jean was reelected as director, Dev was elected assistant director, Alice was elected secretary, and Sarah was reelected as treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15