**MINUTES of the BRIARCREST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION -- FINAL**

Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at Patty Pan Cooperative

Attendance: Lee Keim, Ann Lynch, Bill Dwyer, Sarah Kaye, Alice Keller, Janelle Woolsey, Devra Gartenstein, Susan Jessenden, Paul Kowalski, Afifi Durr, Jean Hilde

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:03.

Minutes from Dec. 11, 2018: Approved with no changes to the draft.

Treasurer’s report: Sarah -- Current balance is $317.20 after newsletter expenses were reimbursed.

Council of Neighborhoods report: Bill – CoN will meet tomorrow with a potluck and a panel on how to reach people living in multifamily housing. Briarcrest has 19 apartment buildings on 145th. This should be a good forum.

Storytelling evenings: Afifi – The last storytelling evening was Friday, Jan. 4. In Afifi’s absence, Alice read an email from her in which she said it was an excellent evening with 15 people, including 3 new attendees.

Afifi came later and talked about how successful last Friday was – just the kind of event she was envisioning. Afifi feels that Jon and Amy’s home is a safe place to tell a story. Devra added that the most magical thing that happens is when people come not intending to tell a story, but then do, because it’s a safe place.

On Sunday afternoon, April 14, the Seattle Storytellers Guild will host an Earth Day event with Native American tellers – family-friendly. They don’t have a venue yet, but Afifi is going to ask about the Shoreline Senior Center. She would like the BNA to participate in organizing this event.

The next BNA storytelling evening will be Friday, March 1.

Emergency Preparedness Update: Lee and Bill reported on the 5th Saturday communications drill. Bill had divided Briarcrest into 5 zones, with a committee member reporting from each zone. The tent in the Hamlin East parking lot got blown down, so the set-up moved to their truck. There were 22 contacts via FRS radios. Also, 2 neighbors called in on Channel 5 asking what was going on, so they were given information. There were 2 walk-ups, in addition.

Coincidentally, 911 wasn’t working at that time, but we were communicating via radios. Bill was manning a ham radio to communicate with a couple of Emergency Operations Centers. That system is working. There are ways to communicate with each fire station now. The 911 problems added reality to the drill. Briarcrest is the only Shoreline neighborhood that has done a 5th Saturday drill so far. The next 5th Saturday is in March.

Bill and Lee met with Jason McMillan last week. The next CERT meeting will be Jan. 23, 7:00, in Fire Station 161. NEMCo (Northshore Emergency Management Coalition) started a new CERT training course last night.

Bill and Lee asked Jason what major damage he envisions for Shoreline after a major earthquake. He said water, sewer, and gas lines breaking -- all urgent needs. He’s still buying equipment for communication centers. Eventually there will be 14, one in each neighborhood. The communication hubs will be equipped with a dual-fuel generator, 9 FRS radios, 1 dual-band radio, 1 TV with antenna. He doesn’t have job boxes yet for the equipment. He’s also working on establishing CPODs (Community Points of Distribution) for water, food, etc. He’ll provide training on how to manage these. Bill sees a potential problem in that a lot of people will be required to man these stations.

FEMA IS-26 is the class on Points of Distribution to get a certificate in this area. Or people can just watch the video rather than taking whole class if they don’t want to get certified.

One thing to work on in future 5th Saturdays: message-taking isn’t as simple as it may seem, even when it’s not an emergency situation. We’ll practice that on the next round with some varied messages – how to write them down and pass them along.

This time 5 CERTs and 4 neighborhood leaders participated in Briarcrest, plus Bill and Lee.

Bill is trying to get more people to join the Shoreline ham radio group.

The next BNA committee meeting hasn’t been scheduled yet.

Jean wondered about getting a bunch of the free Map Your Neighborhood flip-charts to hand out, even without MYN meetings. It would be better than nothing.

Bill talked about how he’s divided Briarcrest into 5 zones, with the purple zone as an example: listing churches, single-family households, assisted living facilities, schools, day-care centers. I.e., who are the people in each zone that we would need to check up on after an event? The committee will try to fill in this information for each zone.

At this point, the discussion switched to a mini-grant. (I’ve put the notes about that below, in the mini-grant section.)

Changing the topic somewhat, Bill said it’s interesting to see where the City Council members live. All but one (or 2?) live in Richmond Beach, so they don’t show geographic representation of Shoreline at all. E.g., North City is going to change drastically but has no City Council member.

But 6 new people from other neighborhoods will be interviewed soon for the newly open seat; a few months later, the selected person will have to run to continue in office. We should encourage people in Briarcrest to run for City Council. The BNA can’t endorse or support anyone, but we can as individuals, of course. Running for office costs money and time; this appointed seat is a unique opportunity for someone without those resources. Jean noted with pride that Anthony Sison threw his hat into the ring for the open seat, though unfortunately he wasn’t selected as a finalist.

Winter Newsletter: From Anthony, who could not attend tonight – If you have anything to be included in the winter newsletter, please send it via [briarcrestanthony@gmail.com](http://webmail.earthlink.net/wam/MsgReply?msgid=165869&action=reply&style=html&title=Reply&x=-1205825234) with the subject line "BNA Winter '19 Neighborhood Newsletter.” The deadline for submitting story ideas is Friday, February 8th.

Neighborhood mini-grant: Jean had invited Suni Tolton (City of Shoreline Diversity Director) to our meeting, but she was unable to come; she is tentatively scheduled for our March meeting to talk with us about how to attract non-native speakers of English to our events, especially storytelling.

A discussion developed about having an event about emergency preparedness. How about asking for a grant for a meal to attract people for that type of information? Would Briarcrest Elementary charge us to use their cafeteria? Devra could be in charge of cooking at Patty Pan (with BNA volunteers) and taking food over there. Maybe we could use outdoor stoves. This might be a day-long or half-day event.

At this point, Jean noted that there seemed to be more energy for a preparedness fair than for other ideas we’ve thought about, such as a talent show, a storytelling event, or a dinner. We could sponsor another storytelling workshop, and the one we had last year had good attendance, but it didn’t attract more neighbors.

Mid-May for a fair? A possible venue might be Janelle’s church (Shoreline United Methodist on 25th and 145th), which has good visibility and good parking, with indoor / outdoor options. We could invite the Fire Department, have lots of emergency prep handouts, Stop the Bleed training, and much more.

Jean will send a note to Constance Perenyi to ask if our thinking is appropriate. She’ll also ask whether we might apply for 2 unrelated mini-grants in the same year – for both a emergency preparedness fair and a storytelling event.

Jean noted that Ridgecrest doesn’t try to get more people to attend meetings, but to come to their big events like the annual ice cream social and Halloween event.

Sarah will lead a candidates’ fair again in the fall. She would like the BNA to be involved again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32. Next meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 12

(canceled due to snow and ice)

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary