

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting
December 12, 2016
Patty Pan Cooperative

Present: Bill and Lee Keim, Lois Harrison, Devra Gartenstein, Jean Hilde, Emily Shuel, Ann Lynch, Glinda Matthews.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 by chair Jean Hilde.

Minutes. Last month's minutes were approved without revisions.

Bank account. The balance is the same as last month. Sarah re-upped the BNA's non-profit status, adding Alice as assistant director.

Council of Neighborhoods. Jean reported that she gave a presentation on the Fircrest pool project to refurbish the property, give the community more access to the facility, and foster a relationship between the facility and the community. There was discussion at the CON meeting of a general feeling that it's hard to get people to serve on neighborhood boards. One potential solution that was discussed is to hold events bringing together multiple neighborhoods. The city's diversity coordinator could be a resource for bringing different communities. There was discussion of holding events focusing on one ethnicity at a time, with an upcoming one on Ghana.

Storytelling. The Shoreline Arts Council was excited about funding a BNA storytelling event, and approved some money to bring Kim Weitkamp for a storytelling workshop. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to lure her. These funds can be transferred to another speaker, so we'll need to brainstorm about another possibility. We need to figure this out by 1/13, which is the deadline to finalize the contract.

Community cooking mini-grant idea. Devra floated the idea of applying for a mini grant to buy ingredients for a monthly cooking session at the Patty Pan kitchen to feed people in need. The idea was approved.

Emergency Management Coordinator. Brian Dixon, Shoreline's emergency management coordinator, spoke of efforts to implement a realistic approach to community preparedness in Shoreline. To date the focus has been on personal preparedness, but the idea sharing capabilities with neighbors has been gaining traction in the emergency management sector. Seattle has been promoting the idea of hubs, which started at the grassroots level, and then the city started promoting it after seeing its success. Hubs are natural places for people to go in case of emergencies, though using schools as hubs is discouraged. Fred Meyer in Lake City is one such hub, as is the Lutheran Church Greenwood. Hubs may include a shipping container with supplies, or simply be a place for people to meet, and a communication center. If Briarcrest wants to establish a hub, the next step would be to talk to neighbors and think about where to put. It would be good to develop a plan which includes how to appropriately use CERT people. Shoreline has a robust underground radio movement: this could be useful for setting up communication satellites. Brian would like to get two of these up and running in Shoreline in the

relatively near future. Emily asked about the budget and Brian responded that there's virtually none, but he can find enough money to pay for a couple of shipping containers.

Newsletter. Emily will start thinking about the next edition in January.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.