

Briarcrest Neighborhood Association General Meeting
November 15, 2016
Patty Pan Cooperative

Present: Alice Keller, Jean Hilde, Amy Anscher, Sarah Kaye, Bettelinn Brown, Affifi Durr, Glinda Matthews, Devra Gartenstein.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by chair Jean Hilde.

Minutes. October's minutes were approved with revisions

Treasurer's report. Sarah reported that the BNA spent \$54.66 on newsletter postage. The current balance in the checking account is \$144.37, and we also have \$56 in cash.

Newsletter. Emily wasn't present, but attendees agreed that she's doing a great job.

CON report. The most recent meeting included information about the upcoming budget. The levy lid lift initiative passed, which will help to pay for current expenses. The meeting included discussion of drop-in pickleball, as well as information about recruiting and retaining volunteers. The mayor spoke, addressing topics such as draft legislation about limiting self-storage pods on streets. The CON dinner will be held on Monday December 12.

Storytelling. Affifi reported on the November event, which was lively and drew a good crowd. She would like to encourage people to step up and tell their stories more. One way to accomplish this might be to use a mini-grant for a storytelling workshop, perhaps through the Shoreline Arts Council, although the deadline is tight. Affifi suggested bringing Kim Weitkamp to town. Bettelinn brought up the idea of coordinating with April's elementary school garden project. Jean suggested holding storytelling events at the Fircrest chapel if we start holding them every month. Bettelinn pointed out that Fircrest cost money and required a considerable amount of work. As an alternative, she suggested the meeting space at the cemetery. Jean emphasized the importance of putting things in order ahead of time, preparing to move to a new venue before we actually need to do so.

Upcoming meetings. Possibilities include Bill and Lee Keim reporting back to us about a workshop they are attending this month on emergency preparedness, or inviting a speaker on the topic of diversity, especially how to build bridges with our diverse neighborhood community. Rebecca Minor, superintendent of Shoreline schools, wants to come speak at the January meeting about the school district's February bond issue for rebuilding Parkwood Elementary, Einstein, and Kellogg Middle School, as well as building an early learning center.

Other ideas for building community. Bettelinn brought up the question of what we can do to bring people together in light of recent events. Dec 10 is the anniversary of International Declaration for Human Rights and she suggested finding a way to commemorate it that also addresses the needs of our neighborhood.

Mini-grants. Devra suggested a mini-grant to cover some of the costs of preparing meals for people in need. Bettelinn suggested working with PTA's instead of school administrations for distributing this food. There was talk of staging a multicultural neighborhood potluck, but Alice pointed out that potlucks create all kinds of difficulties.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.