**Briarcrest Neighborhood Association Minutes -- FINAL**

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at Patty Pan Cooperative**

Attendance: Lee Keim, Devra Gartenstein, Bill Dwyer, Janelle Woolsey, Sarah Kaye, Marilyn Peterson, Lois Harrison, Anthony Sison, Thea DeYoung, Jean Hilde, Alice Keller

Meeting called to order by Jean Hilde at 7:02.

Possible Recology presentation: Janelle – Three months ago, the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association invited Recology for a short presentation and Q&A. Janelle attended and was impressed, so she asked the board at her church, Shoreline United Methodist, if they’d be interested in having such a presentation. They are, and they’d be interested in the BNA cosponsoring to get maximum attendance. Janelle contacted the Education Dept. at Recology, and they’re willing. The presentation would be at the church, probably on a weeknight. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to pursue this possibility.

Minutes from June 12: Approved as amended after Alice received additions and corrections to the draft via email in June.

Treasurer’s report: Sarah – The BNA has not yet received our share of the income from the Swingin’ Summer Eve book sale. When we do, that will increase our balance by $138.29.

CON report: Bill – There was no CON meeting in July.

Report on Swingin’ Summer Eve book (and CD and DVD) sale: Alice -- Constance Perenyi emailed that 9 neighborhoods participated, and the total income was $1244. That means $138.29 will be sent to each of those neighborhoods.

The BNA contributed a total of 568 items, mostly books, but some CDs and DVDs and even a few nice audio cassette tapes. Alice’s garage was the collection and sorting point.

Many thanks to those who donated books and time! Thirteen households donated items. Unfortunately, no one beyond the Leadership Team did so, despite appeals.

We had very good volunteer participation: Lois Harrison, Jean, and Alice sorted the hundreds of books into categories. Jean, Ian Taylor, and Alice took the items to the sale in Cromwell Park. Janelle, Lois, Lee, Afifi Durr, and Ann Lynch worked at the sale itself.

Comments for the next sale: Lois felt unnecessary during her shift because there were too many people doing the same thing, moving books around. Lee suggests a bigger cash box. Alice will send these and other suggestions to Constance.

Alice wonders whether we’ll have healthy donations next year, given that 197 items were from Alice and her 2 daughters’ homes, and 146 were from Ian and Marcia’s home. It’s unlikely that those people can provide more than a fraction of those numbers next year. Aside from them, our total was 225, still over the required minimum of 150, but not huge.

If the BNA does want to participate again next summer, Alice is willing to chair the effort, like this year.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to thank Alice for chairing.

Report on Emergency Preparation Committee: Lee – The committee is looking for more members (and Sarah promptly said she’s in). They are trying to help the neighborhood get prepared to survive a disaster. The city printed the emergency-prep handouts from Bill, Lee, and Sarah; Bill and Lee distributed them at block parties last night. Systems for post-disaster communication around the neighborhood need to be improved – e.g., with inexpensive FRS radios, which can reach all of Briarcrest except for Jean’s area on 147th. Every fifth Saturday there’s a network-wide communication check, which some of us participated in the last time. People with FRS radios called Bill and Lee, whose ham radio then connected to the emergency center in Shoreline. Sept 29 is the next fifth Saturday. All jurisdictions around the city, county, state will do a check on communications among all of them. All networks check in with each other once a week, too, including ham radios.

The committee will try to meet every 2 months.

Devra suggested a voluntary “accountability group,” in which participants will say what they plan to do to prepare for a disaster. This could be a sort of “Invited nagging” to get those things done, or a place to report what we’ve actually done. Could this be on Facebook? Alternative means? Gold stars on paper? Nextdoor.com? It might become a format that we could export to other neighborhoods. Perhaps start this at the end of our BNA meetings? Discussion to be continued.

Ideas for the future: PTA presentations (April Ingle will look into that); in case of disaster, utilizing the Patty Pan freezer and equipment and vans with cooking equipment, (Devra’s willing to show people how to use them); finding out where adult family homes are and how many people live there (info from the city?); presentation at a CON meeting (several committee members together); connecting with places of worship (do any have the ability to serve as an emergency refuge?); recruiting more committee members.

Newsletter editor: Anthony Sison, at his first BNA meeting, volunteered to take over as editor! All were delighted with this wonderful surprise. He and Emily and Alice will be in contact about the transition.

CERT training: Bill -- A full training course will be given in Shoreline in Oct. Bill would like about 10 people from Briarcrest to be trained and form a team. Jean will publicize the training.

The 4th annual BNA picnic, Aug. 25: Jean -- Unfortunately, the city has told her that there will be no restrooms open due to painting in process; only porta-potties will be available.

To-do list and ideas:

Posters to hang in many places – Sarah et al.

Hunter and Jean will get food, etc. To be refunded by the city, mostly.

Garden exchange table

Kids’ games, face-painting (Shorecrest may be a source for students, like last year, but none so far.)

Cake walk – desserts needed

Set-up and take-down, including our banner, decorations, and table covers

Devra will be in charge of food safety, hand washing, gloves.

Bill will set up a tent to demonstrate what our communications hub will be – traffic cones, whiteboard, disaster-prep handouts -- a complete communications center.

Invite police for a visit, like 2 years ago.

Poster board for people to write disaster-prep ideas.

Alice will sit at a BNA sign-up table (newsletter, Google Group) with BNA info. Handout from Jean re. our communication options. Donation can from Sarah.

Thea will manage a button-making activity for kids.

BNA meeting attendance: Bill asked Thea, from her experience on her blocks, what we need to do to attract more people to meetings. Her responses: Emerg prep. is a good topic. Mostly people don’t know about meetings. Of her 3 blocks, 2 are in LFP, but those people are not represented anywhere and they might come to meetings. Put sandwich boards out ahead of time. Announce speakers in various ways.

For the picnic, put picnic signs over the BNA yard signs. She’ll get 20 copies of 11 x 17 picnic signs.

Summer newsletter: Some people didn’t receive one, though they’re homeowners and should have. Constance said that the post office receives bulk mailings from the city, but provides no guarantee that they will deliver to all addresses.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 11.**

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary