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

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020 – meeting via Zoom**

Attendance: Sarah Kaye, Janelle Woolsey, William Lewis, Devra Gartenstein, Jean Hilde, Alice Keller, Michelle Lawson, Afifi Durr

Meeting called to order by Jean at 7:07.

Minutes from August 11, *Alice*: Approved with one amendment.

Treasurer’s report, *Sarah*: No change -- balance of $490.90.

Council of Neighborhoods meeting: Bill and Lee are camping at Long Beach. There’s a meeting next week, which Alice will attend via Zoom in Bill’s place. She’ll report at our October meeting.

Little Free Pantry update, *Janelle*: Janelle feels pleasantly overwhelmed by the community that’s been buying lots of nonfood products – toilet paper, etc. – to donate. Snacks are arriving, too; it’s rumored that they’re from the school district. An unemployed woman went to the Helpline Food Bank and brought back a lot of food, including some that was perishable, which the church couldn’t store. However, the monastery was happy to receive those perishables, including dairy products. The church is still giving out masks at the pantry, one regular and one child-sized per day.

City of Shoreline Gratitude – Facebook page, *Alice*: The City of Shoreline asked for nominations of people who’ve made a positive difference in Shoreline this summer. Check out the Facebook page (as “Shoreline Has Gratitude”) to see the latest and reputedly final list of what some Shoreline residents have done/are doing.

Some attendees hoped that Constance Perenyi may do yet another list. Perhaps after looking at the entries, some might like to write to her to ask for more. (However, it’s possible that she has too much on her plate these days.)

Idea: Regular reports on Shoreline permits for new construction, *Sarah*: Sarah thinks it would be a good idea for someone to periodically collect notices of the construction permits for Briarcrest that have been submitted to the city and then to report to the BNA membership. There are a couple of places to look on the city website. Also, Pam Sager might have information as a member of the Planning Commission and Briarcrest resident. It would take 1 to 1 ½ hours per month for a volunteer to do this.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed: to support the idea of collecting permits submitted to the city for Briarcrest on a monthly basis, and to send this information to the membership.

Now we need a volunteer. Sarah will publicize this, hoping for someone who will volunteer for a defined, limited task.

BNA Storytelling report, *Afifi, Alice*: On Friday, Sept. 4, we had a joint Zoom storytelling evening with the Seattle Storyteller’s Guild. Barry McWilliams of the SSG was in charge. Only a few BNA members attended. Afifi thinks there may have been 20 total in attendance.

Alice, Afifi, and Janelle will discuss what to do for our November 6 evening and will report in October. Our storytelling group is necessarily experiencing some evolution due to COVID-19.

Report on the Briarcrest Neighborhood Discovery Tour, *Jean and participants*: Jean feels, and participants agreed, that this event was very successful. At Jean and Hunter’s house, 62 hotdogs were consumed. Fifty people came by Alice’s house for bags of snacks. Devra gave away little patty pan squash at Patty Pan. Nine people registered to vote at William’s house; most walkers were already registered. William’s mother, Jan Wilson, was comfortable registering people, so she’ll do that at the high school. The basketball hoop at William’s house entertained about as many.

Alice’s favorite group was a family with 3 children who had moved to Briarcrest just about 3 days before, and they were delighted with this introduction to the neighborhood.

Lois took the leftovers to the nearest tent city.

Some people said we should do it again, although it might be difficult to come up with a fresh long list of clues and stops.

The veterans at the American Legion Hall enjoyed talking with tour participants.

Unexpectedly, the city did not reimburse for the food purchased (although it has been past practice for our annual picnics), so Jean and Hunter donated ALL the food. Yay for them!

Plans for the coming year: Discussion about ideas for potential new projects, *Jean and all*: We wondered what we might substitute for our holiday party this year. Would an outdoor tent be feasible? An outdoor movie? A drive-in movie? The Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council recently had a Battle of the Bands with a final play-off organized like a drive-in movie. Jean noted that some say, “There’s no bad weather, only inappropriate attire.” We need another great idea like the Tour, but for the middle of winter with unpredictable weather.

Check-in: How are you? What are you doing to stay healthy, both physically and mentally/emotionally? *All of us*: Afifi is recovering from her fall and surgery at Foss Home. She’s grateful for good care there. Patty Pan is surviving, patching strategies together; they also received small-business help from the federal government. Michelle visits with friends outside and is taking dance and qigong classes on line. Jean and Hunter see friends outside at what they call their “bistro.” They may continue for three seasons. Sarah has noticed awnings going up in people’s yards, though a carport would be better for the coming inclement weather. Alice constantly seeks a balance between staying informed and feeling inundated by stressful news.

Michelle reminded us that the city is seeking citizen input on the Shoreline Housing Action Plan: [https://www.shorelinehousingplan.org/](https://www.shorelinehousingplan.org/" \t "_blank)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Next BNA meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 13, 7:00-8:30, via Zoom.

Submitted by Alice Keller, Secretary