

Rainier Beach Community Club Membership Meeting – November 9, 2016

President Don Andre calls the meeting to order at 700p.

Approved October meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary Report, Su: A lot of contact regarding event rentals. The website change didn't really help with email volume regarding availability.

Building Report, Su: Stairs done last week. We just need to send in the grant paperwork for compensation.

Finance Committee, Roderick: Will meet in December.

Tech Committee, Alan: No report.

Education Committee, Merrie: Unaware why Emerson principal on admin leave for 2 weeks. Rainier Beach HS Foundation and teachers met with Ed Committee about arts program. Another meeting today with Nathan Thomas and will work with school and committee to get grants for the school. Su adds that students have to pay \$20 lab fee per quarter for art class. Their biggest need for the arts program is money. Merrie will find out how we can contribute. Donors Choose website suggested by Dorothy as a means to provide supplies. Or just donate to the RB Foundation.

Nominating Committee, JoAnn: Partial slate for January elections announced. Still open position for a one year remaining term of a two year trustee position.

Harvest Social, Tom Beck: 6pm-10p, 11/25. Set up starts at 230p. We will contribute small keg and 2 lasagnas. Volunteer sign-up sheet passed around. Su suggests that set up start earlier.

Arts and Crafts Fair, Dorothy: Just RB artists this year! More interest than tables. Handmade soaps, glass art, woodcrafts, jewelry, etc. Dec 10th, 10-2pm.

Light Up the Beach, Maia: 3rd Annual. Objective is to get people to walk our neighborhoods and get into our businesses. Challenge to store owners to decorate and host an open house with hospitality. New this year, a luminaria labyrinth in front of RB Comm Center with live music. SPD Urban Assault Vehicle will be out this year. Possible after party at RB Yacht Club till 10p, TBD. Free Santa photos at Safeway. From Beach Bakery to Stone House Restaurant.

Boo Bash, Maia: Good turnout and weather. Lots of media attention. Mayor Murray showed up and danced.

John Stafford, 37th District Democrats: Preview of the 2017 Legislative Session in WA. Three challenges to 2017 session: Develop operating budget, McCleary compliance and tax reform. McCleary: Main outstanding issue is teacher compensation which would involve tax increases. Two components: More spending for teachers and transferring responsibility of local school districts back to the state (levy swap). To do both, about \$3.5 billion, about 10% of overall state budget. School funding proportion to personal income has dropped about 30% between 1995-2013. WA is taxed significantly less versus states in similar economic positions. Ideas to resolve budget issues next year: income tax, capital gains tax, property tax increase (lifting limit), sales tax exemption lift, and taxing certain transactions.

Announcements:

SE Seattle Opportunity Center: Sat, 11/12. 10-1130A open house. Input opportunity as very few in the past. What would you like to see? New Holly Gathering Hall. Food, translators and childcare.

Mapes Creek Cleanup: Sunday, 10am, meet at Safeway.

Adjourned 830pm