

Call to Order – Su opens the meeting at 7:00pm

Introduction of guests and new members

- Tom Gannon – Rain Wise
- Anne Nolan – neighbor from 65th & Ryan
- Brett - neighbor since 2004

Approve Minutes of November Meeting – Alan approves, Gerd seconds

Corresponding Secretary Report – nothing to report

- Not a lot of building rentals around the holidays

Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Building – Grants & Rentals

- We received the \$5000 check from the city, which went to the VFW for painting
- No rental news

Finance – Gerd

- Presents the 2018 budget
 - o \$20,030 in projected income
 - o \$10,665 in projected operating expenses
 - o \$20,030 in projected total expenses

Social – nothing to report

Technology – nothing to report

Old Business

Harvest Festival Recap

- An estimated 110 people came (adults, no kids were counted via name tags)
- Net \$650, which is less than previous years due to paying for the DJ and Seahawks tickets, also we bought food (\$300)
- People felt like there was much more variety with the food this year
- Lots of people donated
- JoAnn was about to fill the remaining slots for the 2018 board
- Very well organized – thanks Clansy and Luce!
- The VFW was pleased on how well we cleaned up the downstairs area

New Business

Just Garden Project

- Tom Gannon from Rain Wise
- Rain Wise was created to help with the CSOs (City Sewer Overflows)

- Our rain levels are increasing and maxing out our systems and pushing more pollution into our waterways
- Lake Union is the most difficult lake to clean up, as it is a working lake
- Green Storm Water Infrastructure helps to slow the water down before it goes into our treatment infrastructure
- SPU pays for property owners to put in cisterns and rain gardens to filter and slow the water down in its return to our waterways
- Rainwisesattle.gov (or 700milliongallons.org) will let you check if your property qualifies for cisterns, rain gardens, or both – the website has a map of current Rain Wise rain gardens
 - o A rain garden can have some adverse effects in steeper sloped areas
 - o Only areas with minimal impact can qualify for rain gardens
 - o Cisterns are easy to qualify for (roofs only at this time)
 - o The rebate is about \$4/per sq. ft. of roof area
 - o Cisterns must be over 200 gal. to qualify
- Rain Wise’s work in the Puget Sound is trying to slow the cities impact on orca and salmon numbers
- Rain Wise is reaching out to man neighborhoods, including some areas of South Seattle to make sure people know what the city is willing to pay for when it comes to cisterns and rain gardens
- It’s not just for residential buildings, some commercial buildings also qualify (down spouts outside the building)

Nominating Committee – JoAnn

- Elections will happen in January
- Slate is set:
 - o President – Tom Beck
 - o VP – Natalya Roberts
 - o Treasure – Gerd Pruett
 - o Corresponding Sec – Alan
 - o Recording Sec – Anne Nolan
 - o Trustees: Clansy, Su, Ruth, Brett
- Don moves to approve the slate – the slate passes

Announcements

- Christmas Eve service: Morning at the Presbyterian church, evening is at the Rainier Beach Community Clubhouse
- Recap on the Arts & Crafts Festival in January
- Carol encourages the new board to bring more speakers to the meetings (especially the police updates)
 - o Kathy may be interested in spearheading the speakers for next year – JoAnn will reach out to her

Adjourn – Alan moves, JoAnn seconds

Next Meeting is January 10, 2018

