

MINUTES of Special Meeting

Of the Rainier Beach Community Club

Tuesday, April 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the home of Su Harambe, President. Those in attendance were Su Harambe, Claudia Groom, Joe Marley, JoAnn DeChant, Carol O'Brien, Jo Simone, Sam Simone, Jennifer Pritchard, Anthony Campbell, Todd Gehrke and Donovan O'Brien.

There was a review of the changes made to the Bylaws and some discussion of a few of the changes.

Su reported that Mary Wieckowicz, the past secretary, received a returned \$1200 scholarship from Seattle Central Community College which had been awarded to Achut Khatiwada for fall 2010. He didn't end up going to college in 2010 because his English wasn't good enough to pass the WASL at Rainier Beach High School. Through additional studies this past year he now is ready to attend SCCC this fall. Claudia made a motion which was seconded by Jennifer to re-issue the scholarship to Achut. It was voted on and passed unanimously.

The plans for the first General Meeting were discussed and the following is what was decided on:

1. Open the meeting with introductions of officers.
2. Present the Bylaws and club history.
3. Who we are
4. Mission Statement
5. Voting requirements
6. Brainstorming – go over list of projects, asking for other ideas; vote by putting dots on a displayed list; decide on first project.

10 minutes for #1 & 2

20 minutes for #3, 4, & 5

45 minutes for #6

Todd will compile and send out for review a Membership sign up form including Name, Address, Phone, e-mail and whether Individual or Household member, listing names of household members.

It was decided that our General Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month (May 11, June 8) with socializing at 6:30pm and meeting running from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Board meetings will be on the 1st Thursday of each month from 7-8:30pm at the VFW (May 5, June 2).

Todd will send a meeting notice out to our email list and Sam's Block Watch list. Invitations will be made at Anthony's Coffee Club.

We will invite the Department of Neighborhoods to the upcoming meeting.

Todd suggested we pay one year's rent upfront to secure our location and showing our goodwill to the VFW. JoAnn suggested waiting until after we've had a couple of meetings to make sure there are no unforeseen issues.

To be done:

Su – history and bylaws, set agenda, emails to Todd

Todd & JoAnn – Invitation flyer (draft to be sent to all currently active members, new and old)

Jennifer – Brainstorm

Todd – Membership application forms to be sent out for review

Claudia – Talk to Richard at VFW about meeting times and dates, and P.A. system

Jennifer – Member packets for paid members

Carol – Minutes, name tags, pens & markers

Sam – Get old newsletters

Anthony - Refreshments

For June 2 Board Meeting Su will invite Mike Bolasina to advise us on the legality of our organization.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by

Carol O'Brien

Recording Secretary

P.S. Prior to this meeting, on April 6, several of us met with the VFW to see if we can use their facility for our meetings, both Board Meetings and General Community Meetings. The basement room was offered and decided it would do until we outgrow the space, at which time we would need to use the upstairs. Richard and his wife were concerned that the church that uses the upstairs may be disrupted, but we assured them that everything will be as we found it after our meetings. A price of \$50 was agreed upon.