MINUTES of Membership Meeting Of the Rainier Beach Community Club June 8, 2011

We started at 6:30pm with an Ice Cream Social held outside the meeting room at the VFW Hall. It was very well received.

All were moved inside for the meeting which started at 7:05pm with Su Harambe, President, presiding. She started with a brief history of the Club for the benefit of the first time attendees. Carol O'Brien was called upon to give a Secretary's report. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. JoAnn Dechant gave a Treasurer's report and explained where our funds came from and that the Club's intention is to protect that money, as we no longer have an income source to replenish it.

Su reported on the Executive Board, explaining that there are vacancies that need to be filled, urging people to think about becoming an active member. The meeting day for the Executive Board to meet has been changed to the 4th Tuesday of the month, allowing more time to prepare for the Membership Meeting.

Todd Gehrke, Corresponding Secretary, reported on the need to get a URL for future website use. He also mentioned the need for a Membership Committee to assist in keeping the membership information organized. He also told of the communication received from the Mt. Baker Community Club offering to assist us in getting re-established and of a future meeting that we will be invited to of the joint Mt. Baker, Leschi, and Lakewood Community Clubs.

Jennifer Pritchard reported on the Brainstorming to find projects for the Club to take on. The list of the top projects of interest was read and it was pointed out that the full list with their tallies was posted on the wall. People were instructed to think about which project would be their favorite as our first endeavor. There was a fair amount of discussion about projects and it was determined that it would be best to start with a project/event that would include the whole membership to draw us together as an organization. Some type of cooking classes was the favorite project and Josh Levine volunteered to work on it.

Rudy Castillo of the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee gave information about his committee and what was happening regarding the Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan and encouraged those interested to attend their next meeting on June 15 at the SE Senior Center at 6:30pm.

JoAnn talked about the upcoming Seattle Night Out block parties which will be on August 2 this year and asked that people talk to her if they have questions or would like to sign up to do a block party on their block.

Su talked about the need for a Membership Committee and asked anyone interested to meet with her at the end of the meeting.

JackieHiltz made an announcement that there will be an Upper Rainier Beach (URB) Garden Tour on Sunday, July 17 consisting of 6 neighborhood gardens and a reception at the end. If interested in attending, there will be a list to sign up.

The next Executive Board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 7pm and the next Membership meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 6:30pm at the VFW Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:30pm

There were 18 new members who joined. \$92 was taken in and given to JoAnn, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol O'Brien Recording Secretary