

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2014

Meeting start time: 7:00 PM

Minutes not available. Will be available and approved at next meeting.

Elections – Voting for New Board:

Su Harambe – President
Sally Li – Vice President
JoAnn Dechant – Corresponding Secretary
Sunshine Nimz – Secretary
Don Andre – Treasurer
Trustees:
Carol O'Brien
Joyce Greenberg
Kathie Weibel
Kim Traverse

All running unopposed.

Ginnie Anderson made a motion to close nominations and approve slate. Dorothy made a second motion to do so. Everyone voted unanimously and the board slate was approved.

Emergency Preparedness HUB:

Emergency Preparedness HUB will present at next RBCC meeting for approximately 20-30 minutes.

Waste Management:

The Styrofoam Recycling Drive for the month of December was a success. We had a full load to bring to Ikea for recycling.

We brainstormed ideas for recycling during the month of January. Since small plastic bottle caps and wine corks cannot be recycled in city recycling, we decided to hold a Small Plastic Bottle Cap and Wine Cork Recycling Drive on January 25th, 2014 from 11:00 – Noon at the VFW. We will then turn these in to AVEDA for recycling. Email to follow from RBCC with more information.

Save your old batteries. We decided to have a Battery Recycling Drive for the month of February.

First Event in New Space:

We discussed having a Valentine's Dance in the new space, but decided it was probably too soon and the curtains would not be done in time. We then decided to have a St. Patrick's Day / Equinox / Spring Dance with finger foods. We need people to help plan the event - organize the dance, decide on a DJ or music and get volunteers. Pamela Cook and Mary Magenta expressed interest in helping organize the event. The Dance will be Saturday, March 22nd. We will discuss further at the next meeting.

IRS and Treasury Report:

Don Andre spoke on the IRS and Treasury Report. The 501(c)(3) application from 17 month ago is finally under review. They've come back with a preliminary determination that we operate more like a 501(c)(4) organization than a 501(c)(3) organization. We need to respond by 1/17/2014 if we want to challenge that determination.

We discussed the benefits of being a 501(c)(3) organization and decided it would be beneficial to have that 501(c)(3) status approved. Many community clubs are 501(c)(3) – The new building will help establish us in the community and lend to more charitable causes and events. Don Andre and JoAnn Dechant are to ask for an extension to respond. They will then develop a response that demonstrates how we are charitable and make a case for the 501(c)(3) status.

Don Andre concluded with a note on the Treasury Report. We had \$13,000+ in expenses this month. He shared that we were able to spend all of the Waste Management Funds, however, we had to use our savings – which will then be reimbursed by Waste Management. Once Waste Management reimburses us \$16,032.00, our balance will be back up to \$25,396.00.

Rain Gardens:

Vicki spoke a little about the class she took at the Rainier Beach Community Center about Rain Gardens. Rainier Beach is the next on the list offering grants for Rain Gardens to keep pollution out of the sewers and Lake Washington. There was a lot of interest in these Rain Gardens and grants. Vicki will reach out to one of the persons who taught the Rainier Beach Community Center class – and ask them to present to us at the next RBCC meeting for approximately 20-30 minutes.

Additional Notes/Announcements:

February 8th is Neighbor Appreciation Day.

Iris McNeer is holding a seed swap at her home on February 8, 2014. Contact her for more details.

Many members have noticed that the tables purchased from Costco are wobbling and do not sit level. The board members will check them out during the upcoming board meeting and may return the ones that are defective.

We concluded our first meeting in the new space – with a hats off to Su and Sally for all of the hard work and dedication. The space looks great!