

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2014

Meeting start time: 7:00 PM.

Introductions of 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

Building Update:

Curtains are here and installed. One of the sets of curtains was missed. Will have to re-order.

One acoustical tile has been installed in ceiling. Seems to work well and already makes a difference in sound quality.

Sound system is here. It's not set up yet. The board has voted that we will purchase a safe box to store it in. Looking to install sound system in early spring.

Discussed painting of kitchen before we rent out space. A group of five of us to meet after meeting tonight.

Although we haven't promoted the rental of the space yet, people have already shown interest in renting space.

At our last Board Meeting we reviewed the rental agreement and discussed pricing, security deposit, permits and insurance. We are still working to finalize that agreement. Kathie was able to set up a meeting with the Mt Baker Community Club to share information on their rental space – scheduled for next week with Su and Sally.

First Event in New Space:

Jennifer Kantzer confirmed that the Equinox Dance Party has been scheduled for March 22, 2014 in the new space. It's been tentatively scheduled for 7-10 PM. This is a family friendly event that the whole neighborhood is invited to. There will be music. They may have a live (Celtic) band. Please bring nibbles to share. We will need people to help set up, clean up, and hang lights. Party planning committee to discuss applying for community building project grant or neighborhood matching grant to help fund party. Jennifer to send out a save the date.

RBCC Website and Facebook Page:

Wordpress, the website we use to host our RBCC website, had a recent update and all of the photos on the website no longer appear. We need help designing and maintaining a website for the club – especially once we begin renting the space. We've agreed to get bids for someone who can help us do this. Mary Magenta to ask for suggestions for local Web Designers on Next Door. We'd like to poll the membership as to what they'd like to see in a website. Our Neighborhood District Coordinator Jenny Frankl suggested we pursue the Technology Matching Fund.

Additionally, we have a Facebook page that was opened in 2011 with the RBCC email that we cannot access. We've notified Facebook that we need a new password and will pursue either gaining access to this old page or canceling the old page and setting up a new page.

Waste Management:

We have plenty of compost bins available. Just sign the pledge to agree to compost.

We've decided that the RBCC will continue to collect caps, wine corks, and batteries. We will have a permanent place to drop them off in the new space.

Treasury Report:

Since Don Andre was not at the meeting, Su Harambe spoke briefly on the treasury report. We spent all of the Waste Management money – and Waste Management has reimbursed us for the money we spent.

Rain Gardens:

Guest speaker from Crown Hill community spoke on the Seattle Rainwise program. King County is committed to building green infrastructure to slow storm water deposits and cut down on the pollution to our waterways. Much of Rainier Beach is now eligible for grants to add rain gardens and cisterns to our property.

-Average rebate is approximately \$4,440 with little or no out of pocket expense. Please keep in mind the rebate is taxable.

-Check out Rainwise website for eligibility and contact a certified contractor to get started:

<https://rainwise.seattle.gov/city/seattle/overview>

SNAP and Emergency Preparedness HUB:

Guest speaker Michell Mouton from the Office of Emergency Management spoke on Seattle Neighborhoods Actively Prepare (SNAP) to help organize and better respond to major disasters.

“The SNAP program encourages Seattle residents to be ready for all types of emergencies by developing a disaster plan, having emergency supplies and building good relationships with your neighbors to extend your personal safety net where you live. As part of this program our office sends out a knowledgeable Emergency Management representative to come to your home to educate you and your neighbors about the following: preparing for a major disaster; organizing as a group; and steps to take before and after a major impact to your community.

If you are interested in having us come out to talk to your group of neighbors about SNAP please send the following information to SNAP@Seattle.Gov:

- Two date and time options for your meeting (We try to schedule 3 weeks ahead)
- The address of the location where the meeting will be held
- Your name and contact number so we can call you if we get lost!”

For more information:

<http://www.seattle.gov/emergency/programs/snap/>

Ron Angeles and Chris Wagner have been involved in SNAP and are part of the Rainier Beach Emergency Preparedness Hub. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month – at 7:00 PM – at the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church.

Additional Notes/Announcements:

We now have permanent name tags. Keep them in your membership envelope.

March 5th - Bookclub. For more information contact Kathie Weibel

March 29th – Possible clean up of Rainier Beach Square with the Rainier Beach United Methodist Church. For more information contact Ron Angeles.

April 5th – Neighborhood Summit from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Seattle Center.

<http://www.seattle.gov/sns2014>

April 26th – Earth Day. Feet First is sponsoring a Stairway Spring Cleaning Day on Saturday, April 26th. There will also be a Bridge to Beach clean up in which the merchants will also be involved in clean up of neighborhood. For more information contact Mary Magenta or

<http://www.feetfirst.org/event/stairway-spring-cleaning-day>

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM