

RBCC Membership Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2014

Meeting start time: 7:00 PM

The mission of the Rainier Beach Community Club is to enhance and maintain the quality of life for residents of the Rainier Beach Community through civic, service, and community building activities.

Su Harambe, President – opens meeting

Don Andre, Treasurer – treasury report

JoAnn Dechant, Corresponding Secretary – gives correspondence report

Building Update:

Discussed finishing touches on building. Missing curtains will be here soon. We are looking into better lighting for space – something that is dimmable and more safe (no exposed bulbs). We are looking to exchange the speaker stands for stationery brackets to mount speakers securely to wall. We've hired Claudia to find some new bathroom furniture. We are planning on hiring Claudia to take real estate photos of the space in order to advertise on line. We are looking into getting approval to install a ramp outside of the building. We may be able to get the expenses covered by a local non-profit.

IRS Update:

Non-profit application is still in process. We submitted our last changes via certified mail and are waiting to hear back from the IRS.

Equinox Party:

Fun event for all who attended, but not as well attended as we had hoped. It was suggested that next time we put more focus on the party and less on the dancing. We don't want anyone to be intimidated by the "dancing".

Website:

We will not know if we received the technology grant until 5/20/2014. In the mean time, we would like to make the website more appealing, effective, and easy to use. We'd also like to have it ready to advertise our space.

Feet First Stair Cleaning – Saturday, April 26th:

The RBCC is happy to support the Feet First Stair Cleaning. Meet at your designated stairs at 10:00 am Saturday, April 26th. Bring any helpful tools. We will clean the stairs from 10-12. Questions and a big thank you to Mary Magenta for organizing this event. And thank you to Iris and Dave McNeer who will be hosting a BBQ at their house following the stair cleaning at 12:30. Bring your own outdoor seating.

Emergency Drill Update:

The Seattle Emergency Communications Hub Practice Drill is on May 17, 2014 from 9 am – 12:00 noon. We encourage everyone to stop in anytime to practice scenarios or just watch. Contact Chris Wagner at 206-725-9323 with any questions. This is a great opportunity to get to know your community!

Recycling Campaign:

Congrats! Rainier Beach Community Club won \$2,600.00 for a non-profit of their choice in the Recycling Campaign.

SE District Council:

Kathie Wiebel spoke to us regarding the SEDC. The SEDC is trying to determine the top 5 neighborhood issues in Rainier Beach. Kathie will be at the meeting – and bring up the following issues on our behalf: Crime, Transportation, Central Business District, Min Wage (Jobs), Immigration, Education and Youth Programs, Growing Fresh Sustainable Food and Farmer's Markets.

Seattle Public Library:

Wei Cai of the Seattle Public Library spoke to us on all of the available resources at our Rainier Beach Public Library and the Seattle Public Libraries at large.

The library is a wonderful source for books, dvds, cds, and ebooks, music and movie downloads. The library also offers Free Tax Prep, SNAP Emergency Preparedness, Free Conference Rooms, Homework Help, Computers, Computer Classes and Technology Help, Book Readings, Author Meetings, Seattle Reads, Gardening Classes, Sunday hours.

Wei Cai spoke enthusiastically about the the Seattle Public Libraries and we are all encouraged to check them out online <http://www.spl.org/> , on Twitter <https://twitter.com/SPLBuzz> or in person at 9125 Rainier Ave South.

Seattle Department of Transportation:

Art Brochet gave us an update on Rainier Beach grant disposition – Fisher at Rainier, in the heart of Rainier Beach, is to benefit from the funds. And he will keep us apprised to any changes.

Youth Tutoring Program:

Gabbie Guncay, the volunteer coordinator, for the Youth Tutoring Program through Catholic Community Services at Lake Washington Apartments is looking for volunteers. Shifts are usually one hour a week; Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 or 6:40 – 7:40 PM. A great opportunity to reach out the the youth in our neighborhood, strengthen their skills and self – esteem. Contact Gabbie at 206-328-5970 or volunteerytp@ccsww.org for more information.

Self Defense:

JoAnn mentioned organizing a self defense class at the RBCC and took a poll to see how many people would be interested. Joyce mentioned that Fight the Fear offers some free classes in the South End. It sounds like this is something both men and women would be interested in.

Rainier Beach Community Empowerment:

Bob Rosenberger reminded us that the Town Hall at South Shore is April 24, 2014 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. We are all encourage to attend. A good opportunity to meet our diverse neighborhood and speak about economic development in the South End.

Meeting adjourned - Next Membership Meeting is Wednesday May 14, 2013 at 6:30 PM