

Rainier Beach Community Club Membership Meeting 09.14.2016

Sally Li, Secretary opens the meeting at 7:03pm.

Merrie McIvor introduces Dr. Andrea Drake, Principal of Emerson.

Dr. Drake, Emerson Principal: Her and husband started Urban Impact. First involved with Seattle Public Schools by supervising and assisting own kids and their classrooms. Started teaching at African American Academy and then Administrator in Puyallup. At Emerson: What are the systemic issues that need correcting? How to develop equitable system to meet standards? Collectively set new standards with staff, School Improvement Plan. Highest ratio of ELL students in the area. Existing teachers were given opportunity to stay and work with new program or leave and receive mentoring by veteran teachers at other schools. Attracted new teachers from across the country who wanted to turn a school around. Increased budget for professional development of teachers. Contact Kathy at the office for volunteer form. Wish to return later in the school year to discuss progress.

Corresponding Secretary Report: None

Building Report, Su: Idea to get small grant to prep and prime building for now and additional grant monies later to finish painting. Estimates \$3500 for prep and prime. Rainwise will host meeting in November to host class and teach Don how to maintain the rain barrel. Jenna, Dance Center is renting 3 days a week now. Scouts will meet downstairs. Board meetings moved to Wednesdays.

Social Committee Report: Cancelled wine event.

Tech Committee Report: None

Education Committee Report, Merrie: Merrie went to RB Foundation meeting. They are looking for new board members. Also met new RBHS Principal, Keith Smith. School got IB Program funded for 2016-2017 school year.

Volunteer Fair, Gerd: September 22nd, 4-7pm at Rainier Beach Library. About 19 organizations participating.

Self Defense Training: A group hosted free self-defense training a couple years ago. The group is no longer available to do so and JoAnn had a few options for paid groups. Maia mentioned Emparado Kajukenbo. Roderick also mentioned the same group. Will discuss at board meeting.

Boo Bash Update, Cindi Laws: Free event. Free booths for community members. If we would like a booth, coordinate with Cindi asap. Derek Johnson will take photos. Detective Cookie will have Giant Chess and large area for table chess.

SEDC Update, Kathie: Kathie is gathering votes for community groups' top 3 choices. Will pass

onto and then it will be voted on at the City level. Would like more cultural representation.

Nominating Committee Election: Kathie will look into bylaws regarding involvement of board members. Kathie and Don Koonce are interested in serving on committee. We will announce all the open positions at the next meeting. Board slate voted in January and officers take positions in February.

Recycling Challenge, Tom Beck: Challenge from April - October 2016. WM needs more support. \$5000 to 2 areas with biggest reductions. \$15,000 available for educational events. Tom will inform WM (Joel) about involvement in Boo Bash. We could invite Joel as speaker for October meeting. Sign Up for Urban Farm clean up any Friday, from 10am-noon. Sally will email Mel and Vilma's contact to Tom.

Announcements:

Farm Co-Op is in trouble and needs to increase business to stay open. If they see an increase soon, they will get a business loan, otherwise they will close. Currently opened Friday-Sunday. Please support them and they have adorable swag!

Dog Park Update, David West: Please let Parks Board know that we support using tax dollars on dog parks as they are advocating otherwise. City Light did not rule out Chief Sealth Trail, just need to get utilities there. No commitment from them.

RBHS Homecoming, Maia: October 7th vs. Sammamish. RBMA hosted tailgate party last year. Please come and support our kids.

HUBFest, Maia: Sunday, 11a-7pm at Mt. Baker Light Rail Station. Come and enjoy fun, food, music, beer/wine garden, etc.

Seattle Public Library needs tutors for homework helpers on Monday nights and tutoring adults on Thursdays.

Adjourned 8:20pm.