

Su opens the meeting at 7:00 PM

Introduction of guests and new members

- Michael Seliga from North Rainier Beach, representing Just Garden
- Yun Pitre, representing the Department of Neighbors
- Jenny, representing A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth

Approve minutes from December meeting – Alan approves

Corresponding Sec – nothing to report

Building

- Dance studio has sent the check for January through March. They are looking for a bigger space, as they have out grown both their and our facility
- The building is very cold when you first arrive. Su proposes that we buy an automatic thermostat, so we can pre-set the temp for the building. Anthony would be able to install.
  - o Jackie move that we buy – motion passes
  - o Since it's over \$50 we must move and pass that we vote to buy this item. The board will look at changing the bylaws to be able to approve larger than \$50 purchases (Kim's suggestion)

Finance

- Gerd has proposed the budget (Dec. meeting)
- One change: website hosting renewal was added to the budget (\$450)
- Vote to approve new budget – Jackie moves that we pass the 2018 budget, motion passes.

Social

- Nothing to report. No social events on the calendar at the moment.
  - o Potentially a Spring Wine tasting event
  - o Potentially planning an upcoming game night

Technology

- Website hosting will need to be paid (3 yr. contract)

**Old Business**

Arts and Crafts Market - December 2017 (Dorothy)

- Event went really well. The artists got to meet other artists and they enjoyed that.
- \$635 was made
- Dorothy would like to hang the sign on the chimney outside a couple weeks before next year's event to advertise.
  - o We can definitely plan for this before next year.

## **New Business**

Michael Seliga from Just Garden here to speak.

- Cascadia Edible Landscapes has been around for 10 years. They strive to push as much edible landscaping into the urban area.
- Edible neighborhoods has expanded from this program.
  - o It takes a community to plan for where the fruit trees in the area are placed and not over crowded (1-10 people so far)
- Just garden project was created by Michael and his wife to make gardens in low-income areas
- It's now fiscally sponsored by Tilth Alliance, and run by them until recently
- 77% of those who use the gardens have used them continuously beyond the first year and they give away food to their neighbors
- The building experience brings communities together.
- Each set of gardens (usually three boxes) also comes with advice and guidance about gardening
- Michael would also like to do a workshop or plant sales in the future
- More information is at [Justgarden.org](http://Justgarden.org) or [www.eatyouryard.com](http://www.eatyouryard.com)
- Budget for 2018 is \$90,000, but they would like to raise \$100-150k to have a couple full time employees and for overhead costs
- Redwing café would be an ideal place for garden beds (Su will look into it)

Vote on new board and officers:

- President – Tom Beck
- Vice President – Natalya Roberts
- Treasurer – Gerd Prewitt
- Corresponding Secretary – Alan Ross
- Recording Secretary – Anne Nolan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year trustee – Clancy Campos
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year trustee (Jackie's) – Brett Boynton
- 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee – Su Harambe
- 1<sup>st</sup> year trustee – Ruth Cousineau

## **Announcements**

Yun – Your Voice, Your Choice

- South Seattle has \$90k to spend on infrastructure project(s)
- 70+ projects from district 2 were rolled over from last year to this year
- There will be specific dates and locations to be able to vote on the submitted projects
- Website with more information is on the Department of Neighborhoods >> Your Voice, Your Choice

Jenny is here working with A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth.

- Safe Passages team, Blue Coats, Be Safe Bro – all still ongoing projects
- Four more businesses will get building updates this year
- Working with schools with positive behavior initiatives

- There is a liter pilot program that is going to target Rainier Beach
- Two days a week, for six months (starting at the end of January) a small local company will be joining with Beautiful Safe Place for Youth to clean up litter from Seward Park to Henderson, and all around Mapes Creek
- Bridge to Beach will be on Mother's Day weekend this year

Paul – Speak Easy the first Monday every month at Judes

- The first Speak Easy was in December
- Each month has a featured speaker
- More info at [easyspeaksseattle.com](http://easyspeaksseattle.com)
- Cascadia Poetry Festival is happening in the Spring of 2019
  - o Last year it was in Tacoma
  - o Paul would like to hold it in the Rainier Beach neighborhood
- Cumberland, British Columbia has a poetic retreat later this year

The Baden Powell Scouts are looking for more adult scout leaders. If you are interested talk to Jennifer Kantzer, Geoff McGrath or Donovan O'Brien

David recommends having someone from SDOT to come and speak at one of our membership meetings this year.

Jackie would like to see the guy that spoke previously from Waste Management again.

The greenhouse at 51<sup>st</sup> and 119<sup>th</sup> is having a work party in their lite greenhouses on 10-3 this Saturday (Jan. 13).

Jackie moves we adjourn