

RBCC Membership Meeting – September 12, 2018

Board Members in Attendance:

Tom Beck	Brett Boynton
Clansy Campos	Anne Nolan
Su Harambe	Ruth Cousineau
Alan Ross	Natalya Roberts

Membership Committee

- No news

Building Committee

- No news

Finance Committee

- RBCC continues to do well financially. From Jan 1 through today the club has netted \$2,440 and has \$33,690 in the bank (checking and savings). There have been no unusual expenses, just rent and cleaning. We have several rentals coming up in addition to the dance center so Gerd projects **we will end the year well.**

Social Committee

- Clansy reported on the upcoming **Game Nite** on September 22 for adults (7-11 pm). There will be 2 local plus 2 other beers as well all lots of board games.
- Clansy is also making preparations for **Harvest Fest** the evening after Thanksgiving (Nov. 23). She needs lots of volunteers for this.

Tech Committee

- RBCC is now on **Instagram!**

Other Items Discussed:

- **John Stafford** a teacher who is an active Democrat in the 37th Legislative District provided updates on what was/was not accomplished during this year's short session and what's on the docket for next year's full session. Topics included Washington's compliance with the McCarty education funding court order, the state's extremely regressive tax structure (dependent on sale and property taxes, not income and capital gains), voting rights, tenant rights, climate change, public health, net neutrality, gun control, death penalty, policy deadly force and workplace conduct.
- **Re: air quality monitors.** Kathy reports that the UW is looking to rotate 5-6 more that could be installed in our neighborhood. Prime locations for these could be Lakeside and near the airport.
- Cindy reported that **BaamFest** was a real success. There were 4 stages, active art, 58 performances and it got great press despite the smoke. Unfortunately, the City is trying to consolidate the 4 neighborhood events. Also, she is looking for a new organizer.

- Cindy also reported on **BooBash** on 10/31 starting at 4pm in the Safeway parking lot. Cindy, thanked RBCC for its previous support. In the 5 years since it started, attendance has jumped from 1500 to over 6000 (7500 estimated for this year). She's looking for more sponsors and look for more costume donations.
- David Gordon advised that there will be a public meeting regarding the future of **Kubota Gardens**. The membership approved the free use of the RBCC on 10/13 at 2 pm for this meeting.
- Donovan O'Brian talked about alternative scouting via the **Baden-Powell service association** serving boys and girls of any gender identity. They will be hosting a fund raiser "Harvest Ball" at RBCC on 10/6.
- Brett encouraged all to become active in **Emerson School's PTA** (first Thursday of the month at 7 pm).
- Check out the **Rainier Valley Historical Society** open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-4 pm in Columbian City. Lots of pre-European history as well as photos of old structures in the neighborhood (from Dearborn St. to Renton, east on I-5).
- A new neighbor, Steve, expressed concern with the growing numbers of occupied R/Vs parked for long periods of time on Rainier. A potential source of /crime. He encouraged the group to use the "**Find It – Fix It**" app to report these to police.