

RBCC BOARD MEETING 10/25/23

In Attendance: Gerd Prewett Alan Ross Heidi McKibbin-Cooper
 Anne Anderson Jessica Reisman

Discussion Items (***action items in bold italic***)

1. September Board meeting minutes were approved
2. Rentals – Gerd reported that rentals remain strong and that most weekday slots are full. Gerd reported we have \$175 in Paypal donations to the Rainier Valley Food Bank (RVFB). Heidi established some dates for future events for 2024:
 1. Lecture series – 1/31, 2/22, 4/9; 7pm
 2. Gala -10/26, 4-10pm
3. Board nominations/elections – The elections committee (Gerd, Jessica, Sue) will present the slate of candidates at the November Board meeting. Then the plan is to send it out electronically to the members sometime in December (the election will be in January).
4. Waters Project – Gerd reported that Waters Avenue received an anonymous donation of \$5000 for the Waters landscaping project. Their second calendar year 2023 grant has been finalized and approved, and we should receive the check in a few days.
5. Social Committee Updates:
 1. Boo Bash - 10/29, Sunday, 2-5 pm. Heidi and Brett Boynton will represent RBCC at the event. We have the table, Brett has the candy (healthful snacks) and RBCC sign, and Heidi will coordinate with him.
 2. Mystery Movie Matinees – Only 2 people showed for the 10/14 movie despite significant advertising. We determined that not being able to advertise the name of the movie is proving a hindrance. Jessica suggested we might try selecting movies more suitable for adults. We'll determine next steps following the movie on 11/18.
 3. Jazz Night: Next date is 11/19. It continues to go well.
 4. Beach Talks: Next date is 11/29. Marcus will speak on ship wrecks.
 5. Masked Ball: October 28, fundraiser for Rainier Valley Food Bank with a \$2K goal. Heidi reported the following planning details:
 - Masks available for purchase
 - Playlist with Halloween songs

- Two 8-foot tables for snacks and desserts, 4 tables for sitting
- A bar and bartenders situated in front of the door to the kitchen
- Chocolate fountain, champagne punch (alcohol/non-alcohol)
- Selfie station, possibly a disco ball, TV monitor displaying a fireplace
- Thermometer on the stage to display the donations coming in
- Jennifer Pritchard will provide RVFB materials for the check-in table

Anne A. will send out the flyer on Mailchimp.

6. Neighborhood Music (Brett's Open Jam) – Next one is 10/25, every 4th Wed. at 7 pm. Brett has said 8 people attend regularly.
7. Plant and Seed Swap at RBCC – 10/14. Anne reported that attendance was good with 25-30 people. We will continue holding a fall and spring swap.
8. Arts and Craft Fair – 12/2, 10am - 3pm. Joyce has submitted the final list and Alan created a FB event and listed the artists on the website. All have paid. Joyce has turned over future leadership for this event to Leslie Lowe and Suki.
9. Harvest Social - Friday, 11/24. ***Jessica will solicit help and will ask Kris Kendall to create a playlist.***
6. 2024 Budget – ***Gerd will present proforma budget to Board at the November Board meeting.***
7. SPU Taylor Creek Restoration Project Update – Anne N. reports that SPU has provided some new options and Friends Of Deadhorse Canyon will review them with SPU on November 1.
8. Kubota Garden Letter of Support – Gerd presented the letter for signature. Anne will insert the content on club letterhead and send to Kathie for signing.
9. Upcoming speakers:
 1. NOV – RBAC Food Innovation Center - Gregory Davis will speak about their new project called the Food Innovation Center located at RB Light Rail
 2. DEC – No meeting
 3. JAN – Haven't yet chosen a speaker. Anne suggested inviting an office holder. We agreed that any politician should only present information and nothing that sounds like campaigning. ***Heidi will ask Rebecca Saldana.***
10. Introduction flyer – Jessica presented the latest mock-up. She will locate the official RBCC colors to use, send to the Board for comments, and find printing costs.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM