

Rainier Beach Community Club Meeting Minutes (2/14/24)

Board Members in Attendance

In Attendance: Jessica Reisman Alan Ross Gerd Prewett
Anne Anderson Sul Harambe Marcus Miglorie

15 other RBCC members in attendance (estimate—I forgot to count!)

RBCC Meeting

- Gerd called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- Alan reported a total of \$51,569.24 in our accounts. This includes \$5K earmarked for the Waters Project and \$1,992.32 for Hutchinson Park. It does not include \$1,500 in rental deposits which will be returned once the rental has happened and there is no damage.
- Alan moved to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Meeting attendees approved. ([Membership Meeting Minutes](#)).

Old Business:

1. Jessica reported on **Game Night** held on 1/20. About 25 people attended. Next Game Night is 3/23.
2. Marcus reported on **Beach Talks** held 1/31 on Historic Homes of Rainier Beach. The presentation filled the house so he will be offering Part 2 featuring new (old) houses on April 9.
3. Alan reported on **Wine Tasting** held on 2/10. The attendance was small but fun, and we almost broke even.

Announcements:

1. Joan Krueger invited members to offer their gardens for the upcoming **Garden Tour** on June 9. There will be 10 gardens on the tour this year. There may be a party afterwards.
2. Gerd announced the Annual Rainier Beach College, Job & Resource Fair, Saturday, 3/23/24, 12-4pm, at the Rainier Beach Community Center. It will bring together colleges, training, employers and employment readiness agencies to promote their jobs, scholarships, internships, pre-apprentice/apprenticeship entrepreneurship programs, and community resources.
3. Henry Murray is offering a free Meditation series each Sunday at 6 pm through April 14 (10 weeks total).
4. Vicki Gezon shared about a new program dedicated to providing pickleball to underserved communities in Seattle entitled **Diversity and Inclusion in Pickleball** (DIIP). The local group offers classes every two weeks at Rainier Beach Community Center. Visit <https://seattlemetropickleball.com/introducing-the-diversity-and-inclusion-in-pickleball-fund/> for more information.

Upcoming Events:

1. **Meaningful Movies** - Saturday, February 17, 7-9pm. Documentary films coupled with topical conversation to help us recognize our similarities and foster vital community dialogue
2. **Homespun Tales Story Hour** - Thursday, February 22, 7pm.
3. Neighborhood Music Nights - every 4th Wednesday, 7-9pm. Next date: February 28
4. **Game Night** - Saturday, March 23, 7-10pm. Bring your favorite beverage and board game (if you wish). Snacks will be provided.
5. **Beach Talks** - Tuesday, April 9, 7-9pm. Topic: "Historic Homes of Rainier Beach —Part 2"
6. **Plant and Seed Share** - Saturday, April 20, 10am-12pm. Share your garden bounty with your neighbors at this fun social event and go home with lots to plant.
7. **Jazz Jam** - every 3rd Sunday, 3-6pm. (Exception for May: 4th Sunday.) Next Jam: April 21

New Business:

1. Gerd shared that in 2023 RBCC received \$626 in donations in honor of Ron Angeles' birthday. Ron asked that the funds be used for Emergency Hub expenses. Gerd asked the membership to approve \$626 for expenses HUB might need (supplies, printed materials, hand-outs). Meeting attendees approved the motion.
2. Gerd asked the membership for ideas for future speakers and topics:
 - Dana suggested we organize a neighborhood watch group by perhaps getting a list of neighborhood phone numbers and various expertises so that we can help one another and keep everyone informed. The Board will discuss this. Su said the idea may not be feasible given the huge area RB encompasses. Perhaps we could get a speaker on this.
 - Chris Witmer suggested getting a speaker on the **Last 6000 Project** (<https://www.thelast6000.org/>). The aim is to invite citizens and communities to locate and document majestic trees in our city in order to capture a current count with the eventual goal of preserving them. Our club could possibly help organize cataloging in our community. We'll get a followup report.
 - Ruth suggested getting a tent for the Chess Park (an inter-generational, multicultural community space where neighbors can gather and play chess.) The site which is adjacent to Barton Place Apartments has no shade and isn't getting much use in the summer. Jesse shared that a previous tent installed was ripped down within a few days. A new tent should probably be portable so it isn't destroyed.

Election of Committee Chairs:

Gerd asked for approval of the 2024 committee chair candidates:

Finance	Su Harambe
Technology	Marcus Miglorie
Social/Membership	Jessica Reisman
Building	Su Harambe

Alan moved to approve the committee chairs. Meeting attendees approved.

Tonight's Speaker:

Jessica Reisman introduced our new project: **Meaningful Movies (MM)**. The mission of MM is to organize small neighborhood groups to advocate for peace and social justice by showing chosen documentaries as a tool for visualizing and inspiring meaningful conversation. There are 28 groups in WA, one in CA, and one in NY. Screenrights have been secured and speakers are located to show the movies and facilitate discussion. The movies are open to the public and free, though donations are welcome to cover the cost of printing, etc.

Jess discussed the first movie on 2/17: **Covenant of the Salmon People**, a 60-minute documentary portrait of the Nez Perce tribe's attempts to save wild salmon from extinction. We will have two speakers: (1) Nakia Williamson, Cultural Resource Director for the Nez Perce tribe, and (2) Joseph Bogaard, Executive Director of Save our Wild Salmon.

Derek Johnson presented the movie preview. We'll be showing 4 movies this year (2/18, 4/6, and two this fall). We'll know the rest of the titles by the end of February. Contact Jess at mmrb@gmail.com if you'd like to make suggestions.

Next Community Meeting: March 13 at 7 pm

Paul Hogan and Nadia Despenza will present a new high school for low income students close to the corner of Ryan St. and Renton Ave. The education is combined with a work study program.