

RBCC BOARD MEETING 01/28/26

In Attendance:    Gerd Prewett            Alan Ross            Anne Nolan  
                         Kathie Weibel            Nancy Bowman      Su Harambe

Board approved minutes from its 12/10/25 meeting.

Discussion items (Action Items in ***Bold Italic***)

1. Recaps on recent RBCC events:
  - a. January speaker Marta Kidane from Low Income Housing Institute was a good speaker and attendance was great.
  - b. No Board members were at 1/17 Homespun Tales Hour, so no update.
2. Upcoming RBCC events:
  - a. 2/7/26 – Game Night 6:30pm (Jessica)
  - b. 2/17/26 - Meaningful Movies 7pm. SUMMER OF SOUL (Jessica)
  - c. 2/28/26 - Beach Talk topic ***Marcus needs to decide on topic and advise Board.***
3. Discussion Topics and Action Items:
  - a. \$50K grant request
    1. So far, the 2 quotes we have received range from \$51K (permitting not included) to \$121K (permitting included). We are awaiting 1 more quote. ***Su agreed to function as project mgr. and will review them to determine differences in scope and detail.*** We will probably have to do the electrical upgrade in steps with multiple grants.
    2. Once the Building Committee has defined the cost and scope of the first step, ***Gerd, Kathie and Su will determine how much VFW can fund, how many volunteer hours we expect and consider whether to supplement with a GoFundMe contribution.***
    3. The Board will seek membership approval at the 2/11/26 meeting for RBCC to spend an amount not to exceed \$20K towards the grant request.
    4. ***Kathie plans to submit application by 2/20/26.*** Assuming timely approval of the grant, work would happen between June and August.
  - b. ***Nancy is going to get more info on Rainier Scholars about RBCC providing possible scholarship or other financial support for RB students who have a need.***
4. Committee Updates
  - a. Financial – Gerd reported that rentals remain strong and members approved 2026 budget.
  - b. Building – Still deciding whether RBCC will store HUB canopies. Need to clean basement storage. Archival files could go to RVHS.

- c. Tech. – Alan reported that RBCC’s website and Board email distribution list has been updated to reflect 2026 Board members. He also mentioned that he has documented the process to add events to the RBCC website. Once he has reviewed it with Anne A, he will add it to our Google drive directory.
- d. Social / Membership – Board approved Jennifer Prichard’s request to use the clubhouse for a square dance that is free to all on 4/25/26. **Gerd added to calendar.**

#### Future Speakers

- a. February: Alvin Edwards, the Community Engagement Coordinator for Outreach and Engagement for the City of Seattle’s Dept. of Neighborhoods. **Jessica, Board wants to know what his specific 10-15 min. topic is.**
- b. March: Steven Miller of RBHS Baccalaureate Program
- c. April: Marissa London, Community Outreach for Habitat for Humanity
- d. No speakers scheduled for May and beyond. Ideas include:
  - i. 5 minute updates on Hutchinson Park, Deadhorse Canyon, Safe Waters, Waters Ave. project.
  - ii. SPD Community Outreach
  - iii. Seattle Dept. of Planning – Next steps on Seattle Comprehensive plan