

Seal Resident Council 12-17-13

12/17/13
6:35PM
18 present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Kramer at 6:35.
The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
Keith Draz was in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Melissa read the minutes from the November meeting. It will be filed in the secretary's book. There were no changes or additions.

Treasurer's Report

Lauree gave the report.
Total of all funds: \$1114.96
We now have a 50 inch television. (Ed Eubanks donated it in exchange for the 32 inch set we had.)
We are currently having issues with Comcast. They are charging us an equipment rental fee even though we bought our own modem.

Presidents Council Report

Harold Purtell will no longer be on the Board of Commissioners because he is moving out of public housing. Mary Puente was nominated for the open position.

The letter requesting defederalization of PHA funding has been received. It is being looked at now.

We need to decide if we want to allow guests at building events.

Ideas are needed for the community building newsletter.

Community Building:

The first edition of the newsletter will be out in March. It will be published quarterly.

Events:

There is a cookie swap on December 23rd. You need to bring cookies to get cookies.

The community room will be open until 10:00PM on December 24th.

The Union Gospel Mission will be providing dinner at 12:00PM on Christmas Day.

The postal van will be back on December 26th.

PHA Report

Brenda Hibbard introduced herself. She will try to be here three half days a week.
No news on the toilets yet. Hopefully they will wait until after the holidays.

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OIR report:

Steve explained what he did and his office hours.

Mostly proactive visits. One disorderly conduct incident.

Reminder that there is a snow emergency tonight and cars need to be moved from the street.

Keith Draz:

Keith reiterated that it had been a quiet month.

There was an issue with feces in one of the elevators. It was likely an accidental thing.

Holiday safety reminders were given. We need extra tolerance for visitors that may be coming in the next couple weeks. (We should still be aware of suspicious things and people though.)

Don't leave wrapped presents or packages by someone's door. Also, don't leave your car running unattended while warming it up. That is a big theft risk.

Safety class schedule will be announced at the Presidents Council meeting this month. The class this year will be in conjunction with the fire department.

Old Business

Several changes were made to the budget because of the changes in what PHA funds can be used for.

\$400 was added to training and \$250 was added to public relations. \$400 was added to meetings.

Parties will come out of the hi-rise funds.

The recumbent bike is here. We are waiting to schedule the assembly. It will likely be placed where the current bike is.

New Business

There won't be a holiday party because of lack of interest in planning one. There will be the dinner on Christmas day and a potluck on New Year's Eve.

Guests at events:

Should we allow them? There would be a charge if guests were allowed.

One opinion was that allowing former residents would be fine but outside guests could be a problem.

There would be issues with how many guests to allow and what to charge.

One suggestion made was that guests would have to pay in advance and sign up in advance for parties.

Giving guests tickets was also suggested. (This way we could know who paid and that they belong there.)

Making exceptions for guests staying with residents was suggested.

The charge would likely be the per plate cost of the meal for catered events. It would have to be determined for potlucks.

A reminder that potlucks are events where everyone brings a dish to share was given. At previous potlucks only a few people have been bringing things.

Jeannie Rogers from the JFFS does a one woman Christmas show. We need to decide if we would like to see that. There would be no charge for that.

Issues with the laundry machines were discussed. A number of people are finding them too low.

It would be good if we could get top loading machines or have the current machines raised.

Top loaders are preferred.

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There are also issues with people not cleaning out the machines.
We need to get a new clock for the community room. Keith will check the security camera footage to see if he can figure out what happened to the one that was there. (It went missing on Saturday.)

Starting in January we will introduce ourselves at the beginning of the meeting.

Peggy Gruendeman won dime-a-time.
Melissa, Yong Jiang, Pat, Bonnie won the door prizes.
Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.
Submitted by Melissa Pappas, secretary