

Seal Resident Council 2-18-14

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6:30PM

24 present

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Pat Kramer at 6:35.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the children who died in the recent house fire in Minneapolis.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Secretary's Report

Melissa read the minutes from the January 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: \$2416.31

We are still working on resolving a billing issue with Comcast.

Presidents Council Report

Speakers from the St. Paul Public Works department talked about upcoming changes to the recycling program. Starting on April 7th you will no longer need to separate plastic, glass, and paper. Everything can go in the same bin. Also, more types of plastic will be recyclable. (Styrofoam will still not be recyclable.)

The fire department would like to come to each building to talk about fire prevention. It was mentioned that kitchen fires are the most common type of fires in hi-rises.

The PHA received High Performer status for the 22nd year in a row.

The HAFA markets will be returning this summer. This year they will be trying a pricing scheme where you can pay in advance for a week or a month or the season. (The rate would likely be around \$5.00 a week.) There would be a variety of vegetables in your bag and there would be some opportunity to choose items. (Other items would be standard in every bag.)

Having guests at events was discussed again. A number of hi-rises thought that was more trouble than it was worth.

Every hi-rise should have an asset list. We already have one and it is kept up to date. Lists need to be sent down to the Presidents Council office for their records.

The Presidents Council has received a \$30,000 grant for a buildingwide wi-fi pilot project. The computer team is currently working on that. The pilot sites will be Wabasha and Edgerton. A survey is being done to find out how people feel about the idea of having buildingwide wi-fi access. Please complete your survey if you have not done so and put it in the suggestion box.

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Comcast is offering a special rate for cable in community rooms. (This is not for individual residents in their apartments.) This will be discussed more next month.

Community building:

Jesse Thomas passed out slips of paper for people to write down their interests on. (People were asked to write five things they enjoyed doing.)

There were many interests in common.

PHA Report

New manager, Larry Ros gave the report.

He started by introducing himself. He has been with Public Housing for 21 years.

The fire in the TV room was accidental. (It was caused by a short circuit in the wiring.)

Being lease compliant was stressed.

There is still only one maintenance mechanic working.

The electrical problem in the TV room has been fixed. The ceiling needs to be replaced and some clean-up done. It should be done in a few days.

A question was raised about how to get an interpreter for meetings. Larry will look into this. (The procedure as we know it is that the resident has to request an interpreter before the meeting.)

OIR report

22 proactive visits. 1 disturbance call. 3 alarm calls. 1 911 hangup call. 6 investigative calls. 1 fire in the TV room.

There were complaints about people knocking on doors late at night or trying door handles. Make sure you keep your door locked. Call the police if you see a suspicious person or persons loitering around the doors or the building. There have been complaints about heavy smoking on some floors. Please be conscious of your neighbors and that smoke can travel under doors when you light up.

Please don't park sideways in the lot. That takes up extra spaces that may be needed.

Old Business

Vending was discussed.

We need to decide what we want in the machines and if we want a refrigerated machine. Please let Bonnie know before February 24th.

We should see that we get at least 10% in returns every month.

Laundry survey results:

There were 47 total responses. The majority of respondents had issues using the current laundry machines.

Common issues were clothes not getting clean or dry, clothes smelling, machines eating change.

A majority of people were in favor of getting top loading machines or raising the current ones.

New Business

We need to decide if we want to pay for a service contract for the recumbent bike. Since it is in a public area repairs aren't covered under the warranty. (Repairing it ourselves would void the warranty.)

One year for parts and labor would be \$99.

There was a recent issue with the bike so this should be dealt with now.

Lauree Stolarczyk made a motion that we get the service contract. Ed Eubanks seconded.

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A question was raised about how long the bike was supposed to last.
Motion carried.

Ed Eubanks has purchased a credenza for the TV room to hold the Blu-ray player and antenna. He showed a picture of the item and asked for approval of the purchase. There would be no cost to the council.

Ed Eubanks made a motion that the council accept this gift and seek management approval for its installation. Bonnie Reynolds seconded. Concerns were raised about dust from the installation. It is likely there won't be much after the shelf is put in.

Motion carried.

Antibacterial wipes will be put by the bike. They can be used for wiping down the equipment and wiping hands after use.

Lauree Stolarczyk won dime-a-time.

Melissa, Peggy won the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Melissa Pappas, secretary