

Residents Council Meeting Minutes

3/19/13

6:30PM

19 present

Call to Order

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Election judge Barbara Ingram, and Security Coordinator Keith Draz were in attendance.

New resident Saad was welcomed.

Secretary's Report

Melissa read the minutes from the February 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: \$2942.82

Presidents Council Report

The Presidents Council is working on organizing another vendor fair. This will give hi-rises information about different vending options. Committee volunteers are still needed.

Information is also being gathered about renter's insurance. It is suggested that you look into getting a policy. Monthly premiums are quite reasonable.

Reminder about the SHIP Grant activities. Any interested person can take part. There will be a demonstration tour of the NICE Ride bikes and more information about the program for low income people. Information about dates for this is forthcoming.

Reminder not to leave windows open in the cold weather. Leaving them open can cause pipes to burst.

We need to vote on giving the Presidents Council \$150 towards the Festival of Nations trip. Each hi-rise will receive 12 tickets. The funds are intended to purchase extra tickets if needed and help with transportation costs.

Sandy Davis made a motion to give the \$150 to the Presidents Council. Paula seconded.

There were questions about what would happen if no one went to the Festival. That is still being determined.

Motion carried.

PHA Report

Kong gave the report.

You should have received a notice about proposed policy changes with your last rent statement. You can submit any comments about the changes to the Resident Services director.

Rent rates will not be changing.

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Beginning April 15th the city of St. Paul will be doing smoke testing of the sewer lines. This shouldn't affect anyone here.

The parking lot will be plowed on March 21st. You need to move your cars by 7:00AM that morning.

There have been a lot of cars in the lot that do not have permits. They have been getting ticketed. You do not need a permit during the day. You do need one from 9:00PM to 6:00AM.

On Monday, March 25th the elevator floors will be replaced. One elevator will be shut down at a time. Be prepared for delays. The work should be completed on the 26th.

Reminder to press the emergency call button if you are stuck in an elevator. Wait until you receive a response and give all the necessary information. The response time in that case is one hour. The response time for a non-working elevator where no one is stuck is two hours.

Reminder to keep medicines and cleaning supplies locked up. Children can get into them if they are left out.

OIR report:

Steve was sick and unable to attend this month.

Safety Coordinator Keith Draz spoke. He thanked everyone for coming to the crime prevention presentation.

Keep on reporting suspicious smells. There was one investigated recently and some marijuana was discovered.

There is good water access in case of a fire. The fire sprinklers also help with that.

Not many police calls in February.

One welfare check call.

Two investigation calls.

One auto theft.

Three parking citations for no permit.

Old Business

Lauree is researching renter's insurance options. The information will be shared with the Presidents Council.

Next events committee meeting is April 2nd. The Volunteer Appreciation committee will be meeting on March 21st. Any interested person can come to the meetings.

New Business

Elections:

Barbara Ingram spoke about the upcoming officer elections. We were reminded that we have a six member board and need a community building officer. We also need to vote on whether we want to be a traditional board or a six member board. In a six member board all officers share positions except treasurer.

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Kristi Gjerde made a motion that we remain a traditional board. Paula seconded. Motion carried. A contact person is needed this election period. The nomination committee has been eliminated this year.

Lauree will be the contact person. She will post the election information and keep Barbara informed of the candidates.

A sign up sheet will be posted and anyone interested in running for an officer position can put their names down. You may also nominate someone else.

Question about how often the community room door is broken. It has been fixed several times. It is undetermined how it keeps getting damaged.

The doors need to be closed because they are fire doors. They also keep the heat in in the winter.

Metro Mobility has a public forum this month. It will be on March 21st at 6:30PM It is at the Metropolitan Council chambers downtown St. Paul. There are also several other dates. Full information is posted on the bulletin board and on the Presidents Council site. The forums give Metro Mobility riders and their aides an opportunity to ask questions and give comments about the service.

Reminders:

Tax help on March 20th at 9:00AM

Egg decorating on March 30th at 12:00PM.

Birthday party on April 20th.

Kristi Gjerde won dime-a-time.

Sandy and Yong Jiang won the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Submitted by Melissa Pappas, secretary