

3/18/14
6:30PM
37 present

Call to Order

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

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: \$1813.31

Presidents Council Report

Hank Petro was given a day of recognition on January 22nd. John Wright was recognized also. Both of these men will be retiring soon.

The text size has been increased on the Presidents Council website. Hopefully it will be easier for people to read.

More information about the Hafa markets will be forthcoming in the next couple months.

The partnership with Walgreens is still being worked on. Possible things they could provide include prescription delivery, on-site vaccination clinics, smoking cessation activities.

The Presidents Council will be entering into a partnership with Experience Works. This is a company that helps low income seniors find employment. Eileen had Ruby Steward in mind for the first position which is helping the council for twenty hours a week.

Children are allowed in the hi-rises. It is illegal to discriminate against anyone because of age. Children must follow the same rules as everyone else though. You need to be 18 to have your own apartment.

Community building:

The newsletter is being worked on. Because of delays due to weather the first issue will likely be out at the beginning of April

PHA Report

Manager Larry Ros gave the report.

We should be getting information in the mail about the upcoming recycling changes that go in effect on April 7th. There will also be a 'Go Green Guide' with information about recycling.

There will be a talk about diabetes prevention and treatment on March 25th from 3 to 4PM. This will

cover risk factors, prevention, and how to manage the disease.

OIR report

Officer Bystrom and several A-Cop officers were in attendance. (Carlos Wong and Lao Vang)

16 proactive calls, 5 parking lot calls, 2 harassment calls.

A question was raised about parking in the handicap areas. Non-residents may park in those spots until 9PM.

A reminder was given to beware of calls supposedly from creditors asking for money or personal information. These are generally scams. (The calls from 'Credit Card Services' that say this is the last chance to lower the interest rate on your credit card account are also scams.)

Old Business

Vendor vote:

Ballots were handed out. There were only two choices since North Metro Vending is not taking any more clients. The choices are M & M and C & S Vending. (M & M is our current vendor.)

The votes were counted and M & M Vending won by a landslide.

New Business

The building landscape was discussed. We would like to put in new trees but that is rather pricy. It was suggested that we put in a proposal to the St. Anthony Park Community Council for a grant to have a landscape architect draw up a plan for our grounds. That plan would then be submitted to Ramsey County. We would not be responsible for doing the planting. We would have to agree to care for the trees and plants for two years. PHA would have to approve any plan first.

Bill McAndrews made a motion to create a grant proposal to the SAPCC. Kristi Gjerde seconded.

Raised bed gardening was suggested. That would be up to the architect and PHA. The plan would be environmentally friendly regardless.

Motion carried.

We need to decide if we want to keep the old exercise bike or get rid of it. There are questions about how well it works and if it is safe. Kristi Gjerde made a motion to get rid of the old bike. Daniel Sarasti seconded. Motion carried.

A question was raised about connecting the TV to the Internet. That can already be done by connecting a laptop to it by a HDMI cable.

The price of cable service will be looked into.

Volunteer Appreciation will be on April 26th from 3 to 5PM.

Rosie Leisze won dime-a-time.

Birhan, Sheri won the door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Melissa Pappas, secretary