

Newport Hills Community Club
December 16, 2008
Recorded by Debra Haraldson

- A. Call to Order at 7:07 by Gary Thramer.
- B. Guest speaker: None
- C. Secretary's Report. No minutes from the October meeting to approve. Grace took minutes and will formalize them by the next meeting.
- D. Treasurer's Report. Elinor Smith pro tempore. See attached November report. As of today, the balance is \$3456.01, with 532 members.
- E. President's Report from Gary Thramer.
 - a. Neighborhood Identification update. March is when the signs go up and the landscaping will begin in June.
 - b. Neighborhood art project update. Local artist Bruce Myers has been selected by the jury. We will try to schedule a meeting with Lake Heights residents in February to meet Mr. Myers.
 - c. Food Drive Challenge. The neighborhood of Surrey Downs ran a successful food drive recently, and they have challenged other Bellevue neighborhoods to collect 1000 pounds of food for local food banks. The City of Bellevue will acknowledge our efforts if we do well. The next opportunity for food collection is during Santa's visit.
- F. Vice President's Report from Cheryl Nygaard. She stressed the importance of finding a Vice President as soon as possible. Julie Rossman expressed an interest in filling this position. Motion made, second and carried to nominate Julie as VP. Cheryl announced upcoming speakers: Public artist in February, Bellevue School District in March. She suggested that signs announcing monthly meetings be more visible.
- G. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison. Rick Dolleman was not present.
- H. Standing Committee Reports.
 - a. Membership, Sandi Tampa. See attached Membership Analysis by Area report. She suggests we remove areas 26 through 29 from our newsletter mailing. She volunteered to meet with members of the Pembroke Meadows and Kimberlee Park boards, and Cheryl and Julie volunteered to meet with members of the Newport Townhomes and Newporter Apartments boards. With five neighborhoods a part of their own associations, we can mail the newsletter to a board contact only. Other ways of cost cutting: Reduce mailings to three from four times per year--before Easter, before summer events, and before Christmas; only sending the newsletter to those who pay dues, the rest can download or view it from the web site. This topic will be discussed when the budget is formed for 2009.
 - b. Newsletter, Barbara Lee, Cheryl Nygaard.
 - i. 2008 Winter edition – arrived in mailboxes last week
 - ii. 2009 schedule. March newsletter will go out after the February meeting.

- c. Website ,Grace Whiteaker. She has not received any volunteers to help so she will search for other sites with the look and feel she wants. Grace welcomes links from the Board to sites individuals find appealing. Cheryl knows a student at BCC, Michael Lyon, who is very willing to help during his winter break. Julie also expressed an interest in helping out. Grace would like to create administrator accounts so that more people can contribute and upload to the web pages.
 - d. Volunteer Appreciation. Karen Yellman was not present.
 - e. Youth Activities.
 - i. Santa Claus Tour, Michelle Hilhorst. She may have two elves to assist as well as face painters. A resident has volunteered to follow Santa in his red convertible, there will be a bin to collect food, sleigh and fire truck are available. She has the candy canes but needs to secure the orange order from Red Apple. Michelle has been informed by the Bellevue Fire Department that in 2009, it will most likely charge us a fee for use of the vehicle and the firefighter's time.
 - f. Community Outreach.
 - i. Spring Egg Hunt. Dianna Campbell will not be able to staff this event in 2009.
 - ii. Fourth of July Picnic. Lisa Viereck, Steve Kunkel. Not present.
 - iii. Car Show. Gary Thramer. No report.
 - g. Land Use and Community Appearance.
 - h. Merchant Liaison. Don Hunt was not present.
 - i. Government Liaison. Ray Osburn was not present.
 - j. Public Safety, Debra Haraldson. No report.
- I. Special Committees
- a. Nominating Committee
 - b. Budget Committee
- J. Unfinished Business.
- K. New Business
- L. Announcements
- a. Holiday lights judging will be done 6PM, December 21. Grace suggests recognizing the "best street" in addition to best home.
 - b. Next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20.
 - c. The next meeting in the series by City of Bellevue about community organizing will be held on January 8. See the City's web site for details.