

Newport Hills Community Club
February 17, 2009

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by President Cheryl Nygaard at 7PM.
- B. Secretary's Report, Debra Haraldson. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes from the January meeting as filed. See attached.
- C. Past President Report, Gary Thramer. Neighborhood signage: The design has been completed and issues surrounding this project between the design firm and City of Bellevue have been resolved. Public art project: Bruce Myers will be invited to an upcoming meeting. Debra will contact the President of Lake Heights to encourage residents of that neighborhood to meet the artist.
- D. Treasurer's Report, Elinor Smith pro tempore. See attached January 2009 Report. Membership is currently at 542.
- E. Standing Committee Reports.
 - a. Membership, Sandi Tampa. Sandi has asked the worker at Newport Hills Mailbox store if residents could drop off membership dues at the Community Club's box. He agreed to this arrangement and the Board approved this option. Membership drive update: Sandi distributed a membership analysis report. See attached. Pembroke Meadows, Newporter, and Newport Townhouses all have their own associations so she suggests they receive one copy of the newsletter that they may copy if they want. Another option is to leave several copies near their mailboxes. If they have a web site, we could ask that they put a link to our site on their site. She spoke with Kimberlee Park's President and we still might get members from this neighborhood. The Newsletter insert for the membership drive was distributed. See attached. A proposal to offer PayPal as a way to pay membership dues was presented by Julie Rossman. Elinor spoke with a banker and she expressed a concern about managing two accounts, the charges for using Pay Pal, and identity theft. Ray Osburn offered to do some research on this. A-Boards to announce monthly meetings: Sandi wants to put a few A-Boards out throughout the neighborhood a week prior to our meetings. She announced that there will be a Membership table at the Egg Hunt.
 - b. Newsletter, Cheryl. The Spring edition is in draft mode and is on schedule.
 - c. Spring Egg Hunt, Julie Rossman. This event will be held on April 11 at the Newport Heights Elementary School. If the weather is bad, there is a covered area we can use.
 - d. Fourth of July Picnic, Lisa Viereck. With the Red Apple gone, we will need to find a different place to procure supplies. Cheryl suggested buying the food and if we run out, we stop serving instead of sending someone to buy more. In addition, establishing a set serving time will save us money and prevent budget overruns. There is still a possibility of finding a local grocery store that might be willing to donate food or give us a discount.

- e. Car Show, Gary Thramer. It will take place but it needs a home. A web site is under construction.
 - f. Website, Grace Whiteaker. Blog training took place last week. She will make the switch from web site to blog this week.
 - g. Government Liaison, Ray Osburn. He has put an item on the web site about the last seminar offered by the City of Bellevue.
- F. New Business.
- a. Vacancies at NH Shopping Center. Newcastle Fruit and Produce might be interested in some space. Trader Joe's, PCC and IGA are not interested. Cheryl has learned that the drug store will vacate later this month. Lisa suggested getting the Bellevue City Council involved. Conrad Lee has expressed an interest and Elinor has asked the mayor for assistance.
- G. Announcements. See agenda.