

- A. The meeting was called to Order by President Michelle Hilhorst.
- B. President Report: Michelle Hilhorst.
 - a. Opening comments. Michelle reminded the board of the 50th anniversary of the club .
 - b. Facebook. Michelle suggested a Facebook page be created for the club to provide information more accessible to the youth in our neighborhood. Grace was concerned about the level of control and said she would research this.
 - c. Board approval for park request. Michelle is planning to attend an upcoming Bellevue City Council meeting to ask two questions:
 - i. Will the city consider delaying work on the Newport Hills Park until after our 4th of July picnic?
 - ii. Will the city consider purchasing the four-plus acre parcel of land on 60th to serve as a neighborhood park?

All board members needed to approve this action. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to give Michelle the authority to represent and speak on behalf of the Board on these two issues.

Motion made, seconded, and carried that all present at the meeting agreed to this as well.

- d. Bellevue Neighborhood Matching Project. The city of Bellevue is offering a \$5,000 match program for neighborhoods to apply for specific projects in their neighborhoods. The projects must be on city property such as curbs, open space, near city owned items, etc. and may not be on private property or areas owned by other agencies such as bus stops owned by Metro.

Neighborhoods must submit a formal application and must match the requested dollars with equivalent hours of donated labor (\$12 / 1 hour per person) or financial donations that will pay for the goods or services needed for the neighborhood's side of the agreement. Also – the neighborhood must commit to maintaining the area (either by labor or by donations to provide the maintenance) as the city will NOT maintain these projects.

For more information, and more of the specific requirements to submit a project is the link to the Bellevue City Website for this project:

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/neighborhood_match_program.htm

- C. Secretary's Report: Debra Haraldson. Minutes to the December 2009 meeting were approved by the Board via email.
- D. Vice-President's Report: Lisa Vierick. No report.
- E. Treasure Report: Matt Camrud. See attached report Treasurer report. Pay Pal is up and running on the website in test mode. Motion made, seconded, and carried to officially add Pay Pal to the site. A discussion on dues ensued. Currently the dues are \$10.00 but Pay Pal will take out a few cents per transaction. Matt was concerned that if we raise the dues amount, we may have to provide more services and benefits which we are not

prepared to do. Grace suggested we see how the membership drive goes using Pay Pal and Facebook, then address the dues issues when the data has been analyzed. Motion made, seconded, and carried to maintain membership dues at the current level.

F. City of Bellevue Neighborhood Liaison: Rich Dolleman. Not present.

G. Standing Committee Reports.

- a. Membership: Sandi Tampa. Sandi distributed a membership drive flier that will be inserted into the next newsletter. See attached. She shared some statistics: There are 170 households that were members in the prior year but are not now. There are 209 new members that were not members last year. Sandi suggests that the goal for membership for 2010-2011 be 600 households. This is more realistic than in years' past and since our operating budget is based on membership, we may meet our goal. Motion made, seconded, and carried to set the membership goal to 600 households.
- b. Newsletter: Cheryl Nygaard. Cheryl will email the newsletter timeline to the board and is still looking for help with the newsletter. Michelle reported that she is still calling for bids on printing the newsletter in an attempt to reduce costs.
- c. Website: Grace Whiteaker. Grace is pursuing a new, cleaner design for the website that will include themes that change throughout the year. The current website suffers from browser incompatible issues that she feels will be eliminated with her new design. Her goal is to have this done the end of February.
- d. Youth Activities. No report.
- e. Community Outreach
 - i. Santa Tour update. Michelle Hilhorst. Michelle reported that more volunteers participated in this event than ever before but fewer people came out of their homes to see Santa. The common reason was that they didn't hear the fire truck, the cost of which was beyond the club's budget. A good crowd showed up at the dance studio. (At the December 2009 meeting, the board voted to send a contribution of \$50 to the Newcastle Rotary Club. Michelle reported that the club has disbanded due to low membership so the NHCC will not be donating this money.) Grace reported that six inquiries were received about the Holiday Bazaar and three showed up. If the event is advertised three months in advance, more vendors might participate. Grace voiced concerns about permits and liabilities but those issues can be researched later in the year.
 - ii. Holiday Lights. Cheryl Nygaard. Cheryl, her family, and Steve Walker distributed certificates to the winners.
 - iii. Spring Egg Hunt. Cheryl and Julie Rossman are co chairs for this event and are seeking volunteers and a budget.
 - iv. 4th of July Picnic. Lisa Vierick. Lisa needs a budget and is sure that she will get monetary support from the City of Bellevue again this year. The event will be held on July 3 because July 4 is a Sunday and she needs the support of the Newport Community Church. This event needs new leadership since Steve Kunkel has retired from the planning process.
- f. Public Safety: Debra Haraldson. No report.
- g. Land Use and Community Appearance: Volunteer Needed.
- h. Government Liaison: Ray Osburn.

- i. Volunteer Appreciation. Denise Dice. Denise asked about a budget for this. The board has yet to meet on the 2010-2011 budget and will take her request into consideration.
- H. Special Committees
 - a. Newport Hills Task Force. This task force has disbanded after the Pallis Properties deal for Stods fell through.
- I. Unfinished Business.
- J. New Business.
- K. Adjournment.