

- A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Heidi Dean. The first speaker was Paul Andersson, Program Administrator for the City of Bellevue’s Environmental Stewardship Initiative. He highlighted strategies in which the City is reducing, reusing, and recycling. Visit <http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/environmental.htm> for complete details.
- B. The second speaker was Steve Kunkel from Steve Kunkel Master Builder. He shared his thoughts on “going green” as a home builder remodeler. In the his business, it means efficient heating, , water harvesting, conservation and disposal, air quality, reducing toxics from building material, building site maintenance, mega home management, and supporting and buying non toxic products.

**Kitchens:** Steve shared his concept of the “100-year kitchen.” Not much has changed since 1914. Back then, kitchens had gas, electricity and running water. The purpose of the kitchen has not changed either. The kitchen is home to food preparation, cooking, storage, and clean up. The building components include cabinets, flooring, countertops, and sink, and by installing high quality cabinets, tile or wood flooring and a stainless steel sink, there is no reason to remodel. What will require updating are lights, faucet, back splash, cabinet knobs, and paint.

**Heating:** Rooms, especially those based on a cement slab, can be cold and tend to remain that way. While heaters can be installed to make the room somewhat less cold, Steve suggested Infrared heat panels installed in the ceiling. They are light weight, can be painted to match the room color, and are easy to install. The furnace industry has done a remarkable job in manufacturing products that are very heat efficient so the panels are currently not very popular. However, as electricity costs rise, these panels will be a good alternative. They emit no toxic fumes, do not blow air that moves dust, they are responsive, heat up fast, safe, save space, require no duct work, emit no sound, and are maintenance free. Contact Steve for complete details at <http://stevekunkelmasterbuilders.com>.

- C. Executive Board Reports:
  - President: Heidi Dean.
    - The annual Spring Egg Hunt will take place on April 19. This event needs a coordinator for next year. The Santa Tour also needs volunteers since Michelle Hilhorst is stepping down and wants to train someone.
    - Other community events include speakers at Bill Pace, 4H Cat Show at NHSTC, and the Book Swap. Visit the website for details. The Fourth of July event in its current form will not take place in 2014. Only three people out of 2,400 households volunteered to help with this event. The Board will meet to discuss options.
  - Treasurer: Xu Li. Financial report.

<u>Income for March</u>		<u>Total Assets</u>	
Dues:	\$50	B of A CD:	\$3664.61
Donations:	\$5	B of A Checking:	\$9746.16
Newsletter Ads:	\$280		
		Total members: 478	

- D. Adjournment.