

# COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM

## MEETING MINUTES

May 10, 2013

Jesse began by stating that speaking without being call on will not be tolerated. Too many folks are speaking out of turn and interrupting others.

Mary Puente read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Festival of Nations will be the focus of this meeting. Jesse asked for opinions about the event. Some comments are

\*Late ticket arrival. Two attendees arrived very early and wanted to be reimbursed. That was denied.

\*Dunedin experienced a difficult transport due to the Cinco de Mayo event.

\*We had a good time. Many vendors were not from MN. Ruby's grandson enjoyed the children's section of the festival. The event was very educational event.

\*The ticket distributers were not visible enough to be recognized. We didn't have a sign up. The dancers representing India were from out of state and the Native American vendor was from Atlanta, GA. The Nordic helmet and armor vendor was from the Carolinas.

Folks from Valley hi-rise really liked it.

One hi-rise suggested we punish those who signed up but didn't attend.

Florence Barstow a nominee for community builder from Ravoux hi-rise joined us. Welcome Florence.

Eileen – Suggested the next year RPC budget include money set aside for the festival to purchase additional tickets if needed. This year funds were used for flyer printing. Some hi-rises refused to attend because of the extra donation request. Also notify each hi-rise to set money aside in their 2013-2014 budgets. Assign funds under parties, events.

Barb Ingram clarified this is not a charge but a donation to the RPC budget. Hi-rise executive boards cannot make this decision, the residents must decide.

In thinking of another all hi-rise event, what would you suggest the team should spend more focus to get more people involved? Mary's reply, spend more time and money on transportation. Jesse mentioned previously \$2000 was spent on transportation and attendee numbers were still low.

Linda Dimmen reported that Seal hi-rise was well organized using Metro mobility for transportation. Lori took good care of Seal residents.

Barb – Mentioned we did talk about metro mobility as an option for transportation. Community builders should attend hi-rise resident council meetings to stress transportation suggestions.

Marlys from Dunedin had a good time looking at all the costumes.

Jesse sent out a survey to attendees asking about customer service, vendor and pricing questions. When we get the surveys back we can use the data to help determine what to do next. Survey results will go to the Presidents Council to use when setting up other events.

Jesse received lots of complaint calls asking where to pick up the ticket. Some asked for directions to the venue. The tickets listed all 4 or 5 days of the event so why not let the residents pick the day they can attend instead of all participants attending the same day. The biggest issue is volunteers to distribute the tickets all 4 or 5 days. Some Community Building members were willing to volunteer.

176 residents signed up and 46 actually attended. We wasted 154 tickets. Some suggested attending a sport event next time. We'll look into that. Things to consider what sport, what time of the year, the cost, can we get ticket donations???

Bottom line we did a GOOD JOB!! 46 people were there and had a good time. We resolved some issues during our meeting.

Florence asked if we ever considered that there are some who get upset and just were not able to attend due to medical reasons. Florence herself was one who signed up and could not attend due to medical reasons. Florence reminded us that there are many residents in public housing who face this every day. Kathy mentioned someone having had a seizure and could not attend. Thank you for reminding us that PHA residents have many challenges.

This is the last meeting until September. Thanks everyone for a great year.

Enjoy your summer.