

# COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM

## MINUTES from Friday October 4, 2013

Jesse Thomas – Co-Chair

### Secretary's Report – Mary Puente

Jesse asked who all have email access.

Minutes read by Mary.

Marlys Zerahn asked about the omission of the 'stew pot' idea, why isn't it included in the minutes. Mary explained that the minutes handed out are not the minutes she submitted.

### **Newsletter**

The focus of the meeting is a newsletter and who is interested.

The newsletter will include

- What is happening at the hi-rises
- Quarterly newsletter
- Name of newsletter
- 3 member committee
- Once every 3 months
- What to cover
- Who handles correspondence with the hi-rises
- Community builder will bring back to the hi-rise
- New attendees at RC meetings
- Highlight a resident – with their consent
- Recipes – seasonal
- Movie reviews
- Construction
- Wabasha – starting work on their community room
- Farmers market
- Deaths
- Be like a newspaper – cartoons, sports
- Articles

- Exchange and Hamline have a newsletter – please bring a copy of the newsletter to the next meeting
- Editor will receive a stipend. Articles will be submitted to Eileen.
- Deadlines, time lines, number of copies need to be determined
- If printed we need to estimate the number of copies per hi-rise
- Possibly 2 copies per hi-rise, one to be posted and the other for coping

Committee members include:

Roxanne Sands, Karen Arnold, Jimmy Mach, Cathy Hicks. Alternate - Ruby Steward

### **Open House discussion**

- All committees of the Presidents Council will be in attendance.
- Each committee will present what they do to possibly generate additional participation.
- To be held at the downtown offices
- Should this be a one-time event or an annual event

Immigrants as well as deaf residents need interpreters. Ask your assistant manager to arrange this.

Speakers from the USAA will be at Hamline and we as the community building team could also bring speakers in. Request a donation from hi-rises to cover costs.

Do a 'Rotating Table' dinner at your hi-rise and assign tables to the random residents to encourage meeting new residents or residents you may not have met before.

Ruby reminded all to include a Community Building report at your resident council meetings.

Mary commented that the decision to pursue creating a newsletter and open house was not voted on by the team. The other numerous ideas shared in September were not considered or discussed further at this meeting. Jesse's response was these projects have been mentioned. This is not the same as voting as a team.

Mary Puente, Marlys Zerahn, Karen Arnold and Roxanne Sands will work on the 'stew pot' idea. This idea is open to further discussion.

Adam O'Connor mentioned that Edgerton hi-rise is going to an apple orchard as an event. He mentioned that Greyline mini coach is providing the transportation for around \$600. Something to think about when we look into transportation needs.

**Next meeting: November 1, 2013 9:30 am**