

# COMMUNITY BUILDING

## TEAM MINUTES

### Friday December 6, 2013

Jesse Thomas – Co-Chair

Secretary's Report – Mary Puente

The Festival of Nations all annual hi-rise event was discussed. We had 100 residents signed up and 47 showed up. Many miscommunications were noted. Some complained directly to the director of the event. This year we probably won't get free tickets and the cost would be \$10 per person. This cost would be covered by individual hi-rises. No transportation will be provided but Metro mobility might have free bus passes on their web-site.

Passage to China will be at the Mall of America, this event is free. Each person will have to provide their own transportation.

No one had any other ideas of possible events.

Roxanne Sands suggested a group movie event. Rent a movie theater for PHA hi-rises to attend. Transportation is still an issue.

Jesse asked each of us 'what we would like to see for our hi-rise?'

Adam, Edgerton, A bigger community garden with more participation from residents.

Ruby, Exchange, suggested each hi-rise have a Nelson Mandela memorial during black history month or any time. His main legacy was the end of poverty. He once said "The end of poverty is not charity, its justice"

Jimmy Mach – Transportation issues instead of talking about it lets resolve it. Maybe a Transportation Committee could work on this.

John Rice, Hamline mentioned capital improvements. Hamline offers free donuts and coffee to attract residents to the monthly rc meeting.

Lori, Seal, Pot lucks where everyone contributes something and not just show up.

Marlys, Dunedin, better attendance at the rc meeting. If you don't feed the residents they don't come. She asked for ideas of what they want and no one responded.

Lisa, Wilson, more involvement of residents.

Cheryl, a new member from Neil, needs ideas for fundraising. What can they do to achieve this? Suggestions from Jesse explore the internet for ideas. Lori suggested candy bar sales. Welcome Cheryl!

Jesse, chair, needed a new page to address the question. He would like to see better participation from residents. Do introductions at rc meetings. This would help new residents to get to know who is who and longtime residents will know the new residents. Discourage negative attitudes that will encourage change folk's thinking. Curb individuals from being

'targets' of people's comments. We need to keep the hi-rise busy. Lori shared that Seal has many activities during the month. They have ice cream socials during the summer and movies and popcorn during the winter. In January they host a Holiday party. The nonprofit singing group 'Just for Fun' will do a performance. Contact Bonnie Reynolds for information. A Food distribution is held each month. For the holidays they are planning a cookie swap (exchange). If you can't bake buy cookies to share. Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are posted on each apartment door.

Lori asked how many residents call in problems in the building such as elevator and outer door issues for example. We need to remind residents that they have a responsibility to the building and not just involved individuals.

**If you see something, say something.**

Jesse suggested, write on each posting 'FREE' in red ink to attract attention.

Roxanne mentioned having a fundraiser to help with transportation issues like a candy bar sale. Ruby is contacting the state to provide a shuttle service between hi-rises similar to the shuttle that runs between state offices.

Any conflicts that arise in the hi-rise should be brought to management.

When someone donates a tv or other large ticket item, the donor is not to receive the older item. The old item should be donated to another hi-rise for their community room or a nonprofit organization.

Summary:

Good ideas shared today. Reminder to read mission statements for resident councils and presidents council at your rc meetings. The mission statements are located in the guidebook.

All Committee Pot Luck discussed to be held after the presidents council meeting December 23. This includes the community building, RPC, presidents council, computer team, executive board and vendor fair groups. Jesse will discuss this with Eileen and notifications will be sent out if we get the go ahead.

### **Newsletter Discussion**

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

Newsletter team will meet December 13 at 9:30, CAO. All are welcome to attend.

### **Arts and Crafts Discussion**

**Committee members: Eric Clark, Ruby Steward, Karen Arnold, John Rice**

John Rice from Hamline is a new member of the team. He will bring ideas to do plastic canvas card holders. Welcome John!

**Next meeting: January 3, 2014 9:30 am CAO**