

COMMUNITY BUILDING

TEAM MINUTES

Friday March 6, 2014

Jesse Thomas – Co-Chair

Secretary's Report – Mary Puente

Due to weather the February meeting was cancelled. We have a lot of material to cover.

Jesse began the meeting with introductions. Volunteers needed to work on the Community Insider in hopes of meeting the March/April release of the first issue. Lisa Lee volunteered to help out.

Activity Committee report, Jimmy Mach and Adam O'Connor

Passport to China scheduled for April 5 and 6, from 11-5 PM in the MOA rotunda. #54 buses will get you there and it's free. Activities include Dragon Dance, exhibits and some seating is available. This too is free. Jimmy will contact the MOA to get flyers for our hi-rises. Thanks to Jimmy and Adam for their report.

Festival of Nations scheduled for May 2, 3 and 4. Hours are Friday 4:30 – 10 PM, Sat. 10AM -10 PM, and Sun 10AM – 6 PM. Group rate is \$10 per ticket. Jesse will look into getting free tickets again. . Free buses via Metro transit.

Other ideas are:

Nature Reserves

MN Historical Society/History Center – free admission Tuesdays from 5 – 8 PM.

Sunshine Lanes offers bowling for \$3.75 shoe rental and \$4 per game. Lane availability is limited.

District 10 has walking group that meets on Saturdays. They walk around Como Lake.

Hamline Hi-rise has a walking club they meet most mornings at 8 AM.

Landmark Center tours

Keystone Community Services, 2000 Saint Anthony Ave., St Paul – Movies and popcorn, once per month, 12:15 – 2:15 PM \$.25. March 26, Gravity. There is a \$15 - Annual membership fee. This fee covers coffee, tea and newsletter delivery. There are too many other activities to list. Contact the Senior center at 651-654-7424 for more details.

Roxanne suggested we offer transportation companies a 'stipend' vs paying per hour for transportation to events. No RPC funds can be used for transportation. Jesse will check with the Union Gospel Mission for transport.

Roxanne – Since most residents don't care to leave their hi-rise, let's strengthen ourselves by selecting one activity and bring it to a hi-rise which would make community building more attractive to other residents. We could add on new members. An activity that draws attention to help get folks out of their hi-rise.

Eileen – Vendor fair was successful. One year contracts and healthy vending options required. Presidents council office is moving to the second floor. This space is dedicated to the Resident Initiative group and space will be shared with the ship team. This area will include room for more computers and filing space. The Presidents Council meetings will still be held on the 4th floor.

Bring back the ideas discussed with your hi-rise and bring back any ideas to our next meeting. A men's breakfast is being offered at Seal hi-rise. Maybe other hi-rises would like to offer this type of event.

It was a good, productive, friendly meeting.

Jesse announced he will not chair the community building team next year.

Next meeting: April 4, 2014 9:30 AM, CAO