

COMMUNITY BUILDING TEAM

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2014

Jesse introduced Jimmy Mach as our new chairperson. Jimmy asked for introductions and asked what do you hope to bring to the CB Team?

Some replies were: More activity in the building, get more involvement in their building, more cordial interactions by simply saying hi to one another, suggested Peace Pole rededication, realization of living in a community, participation from residents, restore resident's faith to run their own councils, increase positivity and increasing CB team membership will allow us to grow.

CB members are encouraged to report back to their resident councils and suggested the community building report be included on their monthly agendas. Ask your residents to suggest any ideas they may like to see happen in your hi-rise.

Review of accomplishments from last year. Starting the Community Insider, which is meant for everyone, tells what is going on outside of your hi-rise, poetry submissions with more freelance content, calendar page, important phone numbers, and a article by hi-rise commissioner.

Returning members asked what was accomplished in their hi-rise: Hamline began monthly birthday party, increased outside activity, walking club, visit less active residents; many have thanked me for this. Movie night, football on TV.

Some challenges were discussed. How to get people involved, transportation when planning an all hi-rise event, language issues due to multiple language speakers, no refreshments served, negative attitudes, and misuse of authority.

Ideas previously discussed open house and stew pot. New members asked what's the stew pot? It's a visual view of the building as a 'community' consisting of many nationalities. Rotating tables, each resident is given a number assigned to a table. This is a good way to meet other residents you haven't met before.

Introduce self-help classes/speakers to build self-confidence. Another idea is to put on a play about a hi-rise or diversity. We could ask residents to be the actors and possibly the younger residents would participate. Some theatres have interns to teach acting or may volunteer. We could take it on the road! Ask different hi-rises to write part of the play. Marlys suggested 'Witches in the Cave'. We'll continue this at our next meeting.

Next Meeting: October 3, 2014