## **Presidents Council Meeting Minutes**

January 28, 2013

- 1. Ship Grant Updates
- 2. Maintenance Contracts
  - 3. Computer Training
  - 4. Ross Grant Updates
- 5. Keith Draz-Safety & Security Crime Prevention
  - 6. PHA Staff Updates
  - 7. Cooperation Committee of Residents
    - 8. Maintenance Contracts-Elevator
    - 9. New LifeLine Phone Program
      - 10. Festival of Nations Trip

**Meeting called to order:** at 10:04 by Lisa Lee, Wilsons Board Member.

Introductions: Lisa Lee-Wilson, Jonathan-Ravoux, Cathy Hicks-Valley, Robert Esperson-Hamline, Pat Kramer-Seal, Connie Lydon-Neill, Davis Owens-Mr. Airy, Jesse Thomas-P.C. Treasurer, Maryls Zerhan-Dunnedin, William Anderson-Front, David Cox-Wabasha, Harold Purtell-Cleveland, Bonita Martin-Edgerton, Barbara Ingram-P.C. Secretary, Guests Melissa Pappas-Computer Team, Linda Dimmen-Peer, Karen Arnold-Peer, Atriva Wright-Ravoux, PHA Staff, Betty Lou Authier-Maintenance Manager, Merhawit Kubrom-Principal Manager of Family Sites standing in for Kim Nguyen-Principal Manager of the Hi-Rises, Dave Lang-Maintenance Contracts, Alicia Huckleby-Program Manager, Keith Draz-Safety & Security, Speakers: Ann Tranvick-Health Nurse, Betty Christensen, Sabrina Moore-CTEP.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Barbara Ingram read the points from the minutes that the representatives were to bring back to their councils. Jonathan made a motion to

accept the minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Ruby Steward. The motion was carried.

Ship Grant Update: Volunteers of America called and asked about an exercise program for Bone Builders, Osteoporosis a free pilot program, residents who wish to participate must have a doctor's statement, It will hopefully start by March 2013 at Hamline and Mt. Airy but the goal is for all sites. Also Healthy food on a Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> series offered by the University of Minnesota a four week volunteer program. A free program at any site. Also available at the three sites another opportunity at any site is Quitting isn't easy a 1 hour free presentation to hear stories and refreshments starting next month. Gardening, new gardens at Ravoux and Hamline. The HSC's are aware of this program for healthy eating. She also mentioned the Farmer's Market at a Hmong Association, maybe a box delivery. Diabetes Prevention a YMCA grant to look for the signs through Medicare and Medicaid. Sheryl Grover to talk about it at the February's President Council Meeting. Public Health will be doing a study.

What we are going to expand, and who we are going to partner with list. We will need a resident at each site to help get the information out.

Maintenance Manager: Betty Lou Authier, Jonathan asked a question about maintenance and she stated that it is being worked on. A question about elevators and how they are constantly going out. Betty Lou said that she would have Steve Honor address that issue.

Maintenance Contracts: Dave Long, there is going to be elevator Modernization at Montreal and Wilson. Steve Honor addressed the issue of elevators. He stated that they had a five year contract in the past. They now have a 3year contract with All City Elevator. If trapped, 1 hour response time, Maintenance Breakdown 2 hour response time. If someone accidentally pushes the button please stay in elevator and talk to the operator. If items are dropped and lost down the elevator please contact the Resident Service Office.

<u>Computer Training:</u> Sabrina Moore, Joe Crowe, Jon Gustafson are computer trainers and have a program through the St Paul libraries called Computer Training and Empowerment these are free classes. If there is interest they are willing to

attend the Resident Council Meetings. There are at least two instructors at each class. There is also E-mail and Internet classes for beginners.

**Tresurer's Report:** Jesse Thomas reported that the beginning balance was \$ 10,784.42, and the balance as of 12/31/2012 was \$ 15, 530.17. Treasurers please remember to set up auto pay for your Comcast bills.

P.H.A. Management Report: Merhawit Kubrom –Principal Manager for Family Sites standing in for Kim Nguyen-Principal Manager for Hi-Rise sites reported that there are three new staff members hired to start on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mt Airy has a new HSC. Tristy Auger is on leave. Jonathan asked if the case managers notes could be updated when a managers leaves so that the new manager is aware of all the case notes so that there is a more uniform transition. There are talks of increased hours for managers and some evening and weekend hours. Barbeque requests for extensions to be given in writing on an annual basis. The request for additional funds has been given to Jon Gutzman and is being considered.

Safety & Security: Keith Draz Talked the Crime Prevention Classes which will be starting in February 2013. Wit a meet and greet. New OIR at Exchange and Wilson. Passed out the schedule of the crime prevention classes. He also said that a family can be a resource for the language barrier. The police no longer has the Operation Identification program. To document resident council equipment use either the original receipt, box or take a picture of it. There are graffiti gangs and the tagger world. Number one issue with graffiti is visibility and number two is how hard it is to get to from the freeway. The police no longer has an officer for graffiti and taggers. If graffiti is put on a building it is supposed to be removed within 48 hours. There was a bomb scare at Wilson, at Seal a Christmas wrapped was left outside. Police investigated both incidents. Both were false alarms. Safety is top priority. Guests should not be roaming through the halls.

<u>Community Building & RPC Committee:</u> Barbara Ingram reported that there is to be a Festival of Nations trip to be held in May, more information is to come and flyers will be distributed at the February Presidents Council Meeting.

<u>Computer Team Updates:</u> Melissa Pappas reported that the website is stphapresidentscouncil.org. New computers have been installed at all hi-rises except Neill. Please contact the computer team if you have any issues with the new

computers or using Deep Freeze. Information about Deep Freeze is available on the website and was handed out at the meeting. Child pornography is illegal. Please report all incidents. Reports will be investigated and the police will be involved if necessary.

**New LifeLine Phone Program Updates:** Simon Carvalho discussed the new life line phone programs and passed out a sheet of new programs.

Jonathan offered motion to approve the filing of the 990's and the motion was seconded by Simon Carvalho . The motion was carried.

Jonathan made a motion to form a committee of residents. The motion was was seconded by Connie Lydon. The motion was carried.

Eileen will mail out information to the treasurers. Also a posting of the meetings was offensive to a resident. Please make a phone call to Eileen to resolve this issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 12.50 p.m.

Community Building Committee-Friday February 8, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

Presidents Council Executive Board Meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Auditors Training –Friday February 22, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Presidents Council Meeting-Monday February 25, 2013 at 10:00A.M.

Minutes submitted by Presidents Council Secretary Barbara Ingram