

Presidents Council Minutes

5/26/15

Take back to your councils:

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Mary Puate from Front Hi-Rise. Hi-rise representatives, staff, and guests introduced themselves. Staff in attendance: Keith Draz, Tim Angaran, BettyLou Authier, Anne Tranvik, Dave Lang, Alicia Huckleby, Aaron Smothers

Secretary's Report

The minutes from last month had been sent out. PC Secretary Melissa Pappas called for a motion to accept them.

Yasmine Aminou Made a motion to accept the minutes as sent out. Connie Lydon seconded. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

PC Treasurer Jesse Thomas gave the report for April

The bank balance right now is \$34,652.31

Yearly flower fund checks have been distributed.

The PC audit report was gone over.

Jesse said a few words about why he was stepping down as treasurer and how he enjoyed working with the Presidents Council.

Board of Commissioners Report

Mary Puate gave the report.

Various insurances across the organization were improved including Blue Cross and Delta Dental.

My. Airy homes exterior modernization phase I will be starting.

A funding request to Minnesota Housing will be submitted for plumbing modernization at Ravoux.

Mary has renewed her commissioner ship for two

Resident Initiatives Report

Alicia Huckleby spoke.

Raised gardens:

Each hi-rise should have a gardening mentor. These individuals should be meeting with garden committees twice a month. Gardening mentors are from the Master Gardeners and other organizations.

Seeds and tools should have been distributed.

A reminder was given that the raised garden beds are community garden plots. They should not be sectioned off or assigned to individual residents.

Allina grant:

Funds have been requested for exercise equipment and classes. Funds have also been requested for things like Cooking Matters classes and other nutritional activities.

There are also funds for walking clubs.

Beehives: the PHA has beehives on the roof of the CAO building. There are three hives there now. A master urban beekeeper takes care of the hives and extracts the honey produced.

Tours are unfortunately not allowed because of liability issues.

This was done as a green initiative. (Solar energy is also being looked into. Eventually that will be brought to all the hi-rises.)

These bees are of a type that aren't aggressive to humans.

Thanks were given to the Presidents Council for applying for the Ross Grant and to Melissa Pappas, Eva Hilton, and Antrinita Wright for serving on the implementation team.

Getting rain barrels for the hi-rises was suggested. That is a possibility if we get the Allina funds.

Safety and Security Report

Safety and Security Coordinator Keith Draz spoke.

A round of applause was given to everyone for all their hard work. One was also given to Eileen.

SHIP Grant Report

Betsy Christianson spoke.

She updated on SHIP activities.

There will be 'Walk with the Doc' events in July and August. These events include a short presentation by a doctor and then a group walk. More details will be forthcoming.

Thanks were given to those who attended the 'Let's move more' event in April.

NiceRide tours will start in late June. Tours will be expanded to more sites this year.

Betsy has been appointed to the Grand Rounds Advisory Committee. This group is working on creating a new Grand Rounds bike and walking trail. More details will be coming over the summer.

Walking groups:

Walking groups are being started at many hi-rises. Betsy will be following up with group leaders.

A question was raised about groups for different fitness levels. That can be worked out by the walking group members. (Possibly having walks for different fitness levels on different days.)

Anne Tranvik spoke about other SHIP activities.

Thanks were given to all the Resident Councils for participating in healthy living activities.

Farmer's Market guides are available to take back to your hi-rises.

The Seventh Place market will have EBT availability on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The market opens on June 9th.

There is also information on what can be purchased at the Markets with EBT.

Diabetes prevention and support:

Applications for the diabetes prevention program are no longer being accepted.

There is a support group for those with diabetes. It is held at Open Cities on Dunlap St.

Garden mentors:

These people should be in place soon. Mentors are not experts but they do have a lot of gardening knowledge.

Vending:

It's been a great year so far.

We are still working on getting healthier vending options at the hi-rises.

We are now at 28% healthy items in hi-rise vending machines. Beverages are at close to 40%.

The new goal is now 30% total and 40% for beverages.

The next vendor rep meeting will be in September.

An inventory will be done within a month of a new vendor starting. Notify Anne if your hi-rise has a new vendor starting"

Old Business

Computer grant funds:

The majority of the new computer installs have been done. Edgerton, Neill, and Montreal are yet to be done. So far the new computers seem to have been received well. Very few problems have been reported as of this time.

Quickbooks peers:

Eileen Mackin made a motion to provide stipends to the new peer Quickbooks team. Connie Lydon seconded. The total amount will be approximately \$3280 for the year. Motion carried.

These peers will handle all the Quickbooks work at the hi-rises they are assigned to. The hi-rise treasurer will handle the monthly paperwork. If there is no treasurer a peer will be assigned to do the paperwork.

Access cards:

Parking lot access cards have been distributed. Each hi-rise received two cards. These cards should be kept locked in the council office at your hi-rise. They can be signed out when someone goes to a presidents Council

meeting. If no one on the board drives the cards should just be kept locked in the council office.

PC Audit: the audit is finally done. There were findings totaling \$40. (That is great considering the funds dealt with yearly.)
Four hi-rises were also audited. Iowa had no findings in their books. Hamline only had one. A reminder was given not to buy gift cards in excess of \$10 to give out at events.

A reminder was given that unused picnic funds need to be returned to the Presidents Council.

Annual training committee: Melissa Pappas, Eva Hilton, Karen Arnold, Ruby Steward, Chastity Sabanjo.
This group will plan the annual officers training that will take place this summer.

Wi-Fi update:

Aaron Smothers updated on the wi-if project.
Everything has been purchased. The stumbling block is getting the wiring and installation done. Installations should be done in the next few weeks. No apartments will be rewired. The only wiring that will be done will be in the community areas of the hi-rises.

Resident Council Coordinator

Eileen Tittle spoke about a number of things.
Her last day as Resident Council coordinator will be May 31st.
If you have election issues after that you should call Ruby Steward.
A reminder was given to treasurers to be careful how things are classed in Quickbooks. Food purchases can only come out of hi-rise funds.

Volunteers are needed to assemble the new Residents Council guides. See Eileen if you are interested in helping.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58AM

Next meeting: September 28th, 10:00AM