**Montlake Community Club Board Minutes**

**January 13, 2015**

**Neuhart Residence**

The meeting began at 7:05 pm. In attendance were Leonid Orlov, Lionel Job, Julee Neuhart, Nathalie Gehrke, James Roe, Bob DeLay, Tomitha Blake, Lori Sabado, Michele Layton, and LeAna Alvarado-Smith.

**Review of the minutes from the December 9, 2014 Meeting:** Bob DeLay moved and Lori Sabado seconded approval of the minutes as written. The motion was unanimously approved. Kathy Laughman mentioned finding minutes from past meetings on the Montlake.Net website under the MCC tab. The board confirmed that the minutes should appear there. Kathy will upload the back copies.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Jim Roe distributed copies of the treasurer’s report. It shows $6,124.10 of the $17,975 budgeted has been spent to date. Contributions received since the December treasurer’s report total $870.17. The total bank balance is $24,417.46. Jim proposed that we adopt stronger checks and balances for incoming contributions. He will propose changes at a later date. Jim is also adding MCC’s equity to the treasurer’s report and reminded the board members to inform him of any MCC property they are holding.

**Reimbursement Form:** Jim Roe will put reimbursement form on website.

**Safety Committee:** Nathalie gave a follow up report on the Safety Committee from which has evolved three subcommittees: block watch, traffic and advocacy. Bryan will lead the block watch subcommittee; Lionel will lead the traffic subcommittee; and Bob & Nathalie will lead on the advocacy subcommittee. Nathalie has already written one article for the Flyer and will write a follow up article to mention the three subcommittees and invite interested persons from the community to participate.

**East Precinct Police Advisory Council:** Bob is our new MCC representative at the East Precinct Police Advisory Council and will attend their monthly meetings and report back any news to the MCC board.

**Snow Brigade**: Except for the time she will be out of town, Julee will manage the Montlake Snow Brigade this winter. She distributed flyers she made for the Montlake businesses and noted it is important that we get the word out to everyone, especially those who would need this service when it snows. Lorie Sabado volunteered to manage while Julee is out of town. The telephone will be switched to Lori’s number, and Kathy will send her a list of the volunteers.

**520 Bridge Construction Meeting:** Julee attended the meeting and noted she met John Arneson, from the City of Seattle’s Dept. of Transportation. News from the meeting: the construction crews are working on the ramp next to Montlake Market and they have marked the trees, to be cut and those that will be saved. This meeting occurs the first Wednesday of the month at the Graham Center if someone wants to attend in Julie’s place while she is out of town.

**MCC Annual Fund Raising Project**: Julee will rewrite the letter to include each board member’s signature and distribute the materials to each board member when she returns in February.

**School News:**

*Security System:* Leonid reported that the job for the new school security system has been put out to bid but there is no news yet.

*Montlake School Auction:* The major fund raiser for school is on March 28th at the Greek Orthodox Church. To contribute auction items, contact Maureen Gains at maureengains@gmail.com.

*Café Lago School Greenhouse Fund Raiser*: The date is Sunday, January 25, with two sittings. Tickets can be bought on our website at $20.00 for adults and $5.00 for children under 14 years of age.

**Website News:** We will soon see articles on our Flyer from Hayley Bolstrom, our volunteer blogger.

**Letter from Rainer Metzger:** Julee read Rainer’s letter which expressed concern that the application for consideration of Montlake as a historical district has been drafted using as criteria the character of homes in Montlake. It is not including the social history of Montlake as a neighborhood of activism. The neighborhood activists who worked to preserve Montlake as an urban neighborhood should be honored. Julee will send his letter to the application coordinator for consideration.

**Arts and Music Event**: Nathalie proposed that we consider alternatives to the neighborhood arts and music event done for the past two years. Some possibilities include an event for the artists to sell their works, or pop up music and art events, possibly in neighborhood businesses. Nathalie will meet with committee to consider new ideas. Leonid will get the cost information for using the Montlake School as a venue in case we want a more central location for the next event.

**Jon Decker’s Concerns about Vibration of Homes:** There have been no responses to his concern about house damage from bridge construction vibrations. Also, apparently WSDOT has already placed monitor devices in the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Laughman

MCC Board Secretary

***A note to all board members: since both Julee Neuhart and Nathalie Gehrke will be out of town for the next meeting, scheduled for February 10, the meeting will be chaired by Kathy Laughman. It is currently scheduled to be held at her place, 2434 E. Miller Street. However, if we can secure the Boyer Clinic before then, a notice will be sent.***