

Edgemoor Neighborhood Association

Monthly Board Meeting

April 4, 2013

The meeting held in the Library at Fairhaven Middle School was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by ENA President Lylene Johnson. Lauri Grove recorded the minutes. There was a quorum of the board.

Minutes: The minutes for the March meeting were approved as submitted.

Agenda: The agenda was approved with no additional items

Treasurers Report: *Diane Maclean*

There was no change to the account balance. Diane identified a glitch in the online banking password and offered the solution. She asked that we run a test use of the site. She also expressed her concern over the fact that she's the only one with a mail box key and thought we should have a back up. We agreed that a second key for the cost of \$9 would go to Lauri.

Sandie mentioned some computer related expenses; \$5mo/\$60yr for a spam filter and the website bill for the years 2012-2013. All approved. Invoices should go to Diane for reimbursement.

Introductions: Lylene's question "What is your primary concern regarding the neighborhood?" was included in the round of introductions. Recent crime was a big concern as well as the coal trains and continued emphasis on communication.

Guest Speaker: *Max Morange, Victory Gardens*

Did you know that one in five residents of Bellingham depends upon the food bank every year to have enough food to eat? That's over 10,000 visits per month. Max Morange, Agricultural Programs Coordinator for the Bellingham Food Bank attended our neighborhood meeting to ask for help by growing a bit extra this summer or contacting the food bank if we know someone who could use help harvesting more than they need. If asked to harvest food, there would be no liability to the owner. The food does need to be fresh so they must get to it before it hits the ground. If you harvest your own it can be delivered Mon-Fri at the Bellingham Food Bank on Ellis Street. In addition to feeding families, they also coordinate the Small Potatoes Gleaning Project, the Garden Project, and Victory Gardens.

Max Morange

Agricultural Programs Coordinator

Bellingham Food Bank

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Guest Speaker: *Richard Maneval, Neighborhood Night Out*

Richard Maneval spoke to us on behalf of the Police Department's *Neighborhood Night Out* scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th. He encouraged the neighborhood to participate in the event by hosting an annual BBQ or small get-togethers within Edgemoor to "take back the night" and fight crime as a community by getting out to know your neighbors. ENA has in the past supported this event and would like to do so this year by asking neighbors to consider hosting a small block party or potluck in

your area. We often hear the complaint that people don't know their neighbors so this could be the way to make a difference. Get a conversation started on NextDoor Edgemoor and see where it goes.
Night out Against Crime
Tuesday, August 6, 2013

That presentation sparked a general discussion about the recent crime in Edgemoor as well as points of interest from the Anti Crime Unit that attended the March meeting. It was agreed that we need to post numbers so people know who to contact with questions or suspicions. Very important to emphasize that we are the police dept.'s eyes and don't hesitate to call if something doesn't feel right. That information would also be included in the annual mail-out.

Important Numbers:

Sgt Almer email dalmer@cob.org / phone # 360-778-8747

Call # 360-676-6911 with non-emergent concerns / #911 in an emergency

Call # 360-676-6911 for vacation watch.

MNAC: Diane MacLean

The MNAC meeting also seemed to have a focus on crime...Mayor Kelli introduced the new Chief of Police, Cliff Cooke. He would be interested in meeting with the neighborhoods. He mentioned Officer Mark Young, trained in Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, who would be willing to meet with neighborhoods to talk about preventative landscaping.

Karen Funston would attend the April meeting to discuss nonprofit tips for neighborhoods. Questions should be sent in advance of the meeting.

Bylaws: Lauri Grove

Lauri passed out the draft changes to the bylaws for review. She pointed out the one change that would affect the present Board's term of service. These changes to the Bylaws would be voted on at the May meeting to go into effect for the Annual Meeting.

Business and issues:

Annual Meeting – The annual meeting will be held from 7-9pm on June 13, 2013 at the Lairmont Manor. Lauri agreed to coordinate the refreshments for the evening. She would send an email around closer to the date to let everyone know what's needed.

Plan A speakers suggested for the meeting were representatives from the newly elected Board of the Chuckanut Community Forest District and a representative from the Parks Department. Plan B would be the Neighborhood Anti Crime Unit and possibly Chief Cook.

Mail Out – The cost for the annual neighborhood mail-out was estimated at around \$700. Bonnie Rose had designed the flyer in the past and Lylene would contact her to see if she would be willing to do it again. If possible we would like a draft to review for approval at the May meeting. This flyer would be sent mid May.

Motion: To approve all expenses to print and mail a flyer to every household we have listed in Edgemoor.

This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Closing:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd in the Library at Fairhaven Middle School.**

Everyone is encouraged and welcomed to come meet your neighbors and get to know your neighborhood.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lauri Grove*

(Minutes are subject to approval)