

Daniell Heights Residents Council

Meeting Minutes

General Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2008

6:30 p.m.; Community Room

I. REPORTS

a. President's report:

Punam – I am leaving Houghton this month so the DHRC president position will be vacant. We need somebody to fill the position for two months since the next election would be held in early May. The DHRC constitution says that the current president could appoint a person to be the new president until an election is held. We could also ask the vice president to carry out this duty in the interim. Vice president, Sanjeev Adhikari prefers to stay in his position and Bethany Broeders indicated she would like to be more involved with working for our community. This was presented to those in attendance and all were in agreement to have Bethany fill the position for two months. Nominations for president will be made in April and voting will occur in May according to the constitution. This was decided rather than holding a special election, and extends by one month the normal length of an appointment. Bethany will begin her duties at the March meeting.

b. Community Ethnic Aide Report: Lakshmi

- Culture of the month - Presentation about China was not very well attended because of the inclement weather but it was really interesting.
- Card making – About 10 people came. We made pretty little cards and it was fun.
- The Student Fair – All student organizations attended it and showing what they do. I represented Daniell Heights and DHRC.
- We are planning a game night for DH residents. We have some board games and could ask residents to bring their own – for adults and for kids. We could try and if the event is successful we can make it on regular basis, perhaps one time per month.

Suggestions: DHRC can allocate some money for new board games.

Motion for up to \$150 for new board games:

Vote: Yes: 20 people

Oppose: nobody

Motion passes.

c. Community Assistants' Report:

Daniel – We had some parking issues.

The DH ski day went very well. 52 people attended it. The next DH ski day will be on March 1. The International Programs office plans to have one ski day too on February 23.

Bharat – Some parking problems.

We play volleyball every Wednesday at SDC. Come and have fun.

We will have a bowling tournament again this year. It will be sometime during March.

Austin – No problems. I enjoy my job as a CA.

Kateryna – It was my first month as a CA. No big issues.

We have yoga class every Thursday and Sunday. The cost is \$2 per class per person. Call me if you are interested.

I would like to ask you if you are interested in Rock Climbing in the SDC. The cost is \$25/hour. (15 people approximately could use the wall and the climbing equipment during this time). I will send more information soon.

Archana – If you call your CA with a parking issue and ask to meet him please wait for him/her to come.

d. **Treasurer's report:** Abhishek (See attachment)

Jim: Please check the amount in the checking account. Something might be inaccurate.

e. **Sport equipment manager's report:** Nick is not here.

Suggestion: Put Nick's email and phone number in the DHRC web page.

Snow shoes – they are free of charge now but some people do not return them on time or do not return them at all. Suggestion: To charge \$5 deposit not refundable if snow shoes are not returned on time or are damaged.

Motion for \$5 deposit good for using snow shoes for two days and not refundable after that. Nick has to approve this.

Vote: Yes: 12 people

Oppose: 2 people

Motion passes.

II. FINISHED BUSINESS

f. **Culture of the month:** China – Lakshmi covered it.

g. **Chinese New Year Celebration Party:** It was very successful – Approximately 90 people came. There were a lot of volunteers to help. Thanks to them and especially Kate for organizing the event.

h. **Card making:** Lakshmi covered it.

i. **Student Fair:** Lakshmi covered it.

j. **Ski Day:** Daniel covered it.

III. ON-GOING BUSINESS

k. **Knitting club:** The group meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. 7 people usually attend it. The group will have a display to show what people made.

l. **Yoga class** – Kateryna covered this.

m. **Volleyball** – Bharat covered it.

n. **Playgroup** – It may end for a while because there has been no interest. Trisha will send an e-mail trying to do a play group in her apartment.

o. **ESL class:** The Tuesday class is canceled now due to some health problems of the person that teaches it but the Monday and Thursday classes are open.

p. **Sleepy time story hours:** Bethany - 5-6 people came last time.

q. **Spanish class** – Two people came last Wednesday. You still can catch up with the material so feel welcome to attend.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- r. **Culture of the month:** African culture. Lakshmi – We will have presentation on February 29 and probably some good food.
- s. **Sledding, snowshoeing:** It was canceled due to the inclement weather again.
- t. **Daniell Heights Ski Day** – March 1. Daniel covered it.
- u. **Valentine Candy Grams** – If you want to send candy and greetings to somebody, please return the form in the office by February 8.
- v. **Bowling** – Bharat covered it.
- w. **Award Prize for 1900 block.**

V. JIM'S JESTS – Jim:

- Building 2006 is smoke free now so nobody can smoke inside the building. For smoking outside “smoke free” buildings it is a good idea to have DHRC make a questionnaire and to see how this will work.
- We have thank you notes from St. Vincent and Humane Society for the donations we made.
- Thank you to Kate for all the work you put in the Chinese New Year Celebration.
- All interviews for CA positions are completed and next week we will make the decisions.
- This month the Above and Beyond award goes to Punam and Vijaya for their work for the community.

Chris from Keweenaw Pride – We have T-shirts for Pride Week and would like to ask DHRC to give us some money to support our campaign. Jim invited Chris to come and talk with him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 4 @ 6:30pm in the Community room

Treasurer report for DHRC meeting on February, 5th 2007

Prepared by: Abhishek Prasad

Accounts Balance on February, 5th 2007:

1. Checking Account : \$ 8695.34
2. Savings Account: \$ 1182.07
3. Crisis Relief Account : \$ 1345.85

Expenses in January:

1. Refreshments for Jan. DHRC meeting : yet to be entered
2. DHRC Officers pay : \$ 130.00 - Checks made
3. Kayak Manager (Sports Equip. Manager) pay : \$ 25.00 - Check made for Nick
4. Chinese New year Party: Allocated - \$ 300.00

Expenses: \$ 347.03 - Check made for Kate Tay

5. Christmas bazaar earnings:

From Tables: \$ 1381.00

From Raffle: \$ 71.00

Total: \$ 1452.00 – Deposited in Main Checking Account

Christmas bazaar expenses

Pizza for Christmas Bazaar: \$ 20.00 - Check made for Punam Kayastha

Other Expenses for Christmas Bazaar: \$ 39.5 – Check made for Punam Kayastha

Sound and Lighting (SLS) : \$ 98.11

Daily mining Gadget Advertisement: \$68

Total expenses = 225.61

Net earnings: 1226.39

Amount paid to charities:

1. Life Outreach Center: \$ 306.60
2. St.Vincent DePaul's : \$ 306.60

3. Copper Country Humane Society: \$ 306.60

Transferred to Crisis Relief Account: 306.60

6. Money for Yoga Class: Approved - \$ 140.00 - Check made for Kateryna Lapina