

# **Amberglen Good Works Steering Committee Minutes July 31, 2023**

## **Call to Order:**

The meeting at Round Table Pizza was called to order at 6:21 PM by Chairman Ron Rowe.

In attendance were Steering Committee members Ron Rowe, Karen Williams, Sheila Knipper, Don Covert, Chuck Polacek, and John Grant. Deb Rowe was unable to attend.

Homeowners attending were Sue Nelson and Cindi Kludt.

Debbie Beachner, from Sodexo and Battle Ground Public Schools, was also in attendance as a guest.

**July Agenda:** Approved.

**June Minutes:** Approved.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

As outgoing Treasurer, Ron reported that we have a current balance of \$820.50.

John and Karen, the incoming Treasurer and Secretary, requested that their offices be exchanged so that Karen would be the new Treasurer and John would be the new Secretary. The change was approved.

Ron will be in touch with Karen over the next month to hand off the cash balance and records.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

## **Committee Reports:**

John reported that the Food Bank Committee will meet sometime during August to discuss plans to begin periodic collection of food donations from the neighborhood. Sheila suggested that we could also put a receptacle near the AGW Free Library.

## **Old Business:**

### **School Meals Program Update**

Debbie Beachner reported on the impact made by the recent donation of \$800 by AGW to the Battle Ground Public Schools (BGPS) student meals program. The donation was directed towards helping needy families who were delinquent in their payments for breakfasts and lunches at Pleasant Valley Primary School, the public primary school which services Amberglen. In all, 84 families were helped, including 64 families who owed less than \$10. Of the remaining families, 11 had a very large balance and agreed to a 50/50 program, whereby half was paid off by the family and the other half was paid from the AGW donation.

Partly in response to the success achieved in reducing delinquent payments, the BGPS board recently decided to fully fund free meals during the next year for primary school students only. Previously, the school meals program was only 50% funded—by state and federal programs.

Asked how AGW could continue to help, Debbie suggested that donating to needy families in the middle school free meals program in the May timeframe would be helpful.

Further questions can be directed to Debbie at [beachner.deborah@battlegroundps.org](mailto:beachner.deborah@battlegroundps.org).

### **Adopt-a-Road Update**

Chuck Polacek reported on the recent Adopt-a-Road work day. A tentative date—Oct. 21—was set for the next work day, but won't be confirmed until the next steering committee meeting.

### **Newsletter Update**

According to Ron, Deb plans to put a newsletter out in August.

**New Business:**

Sandra Perro

According to Ron and Sue, Sandra Perro was recently hospitalized and is now back home. Sheila will buy and deliver flowers and a card on behalf of AGW.

Backyard Ordinances

Ron noted that there has been dissatisfaction recently with the stringent requirements on improvements made to back yards, and asked whether anybody would like to help investigate how changes could be made to the CC&Rs. Karen mentioned that ARC (Architectural Review Committee) requests were being interpreted more strictly now, and that an alternative would be to change the makeup of ARC to include residents other than the just the HOA board members. Karen will chair a committee to look into both approaches. John agreed to help.

Creating a New Sign

Many people have complained about the location of the Amberglen sign, which is too far off of 119th St. to be seen. Ron will chair a committee to look into creating a new sign or moving the old one. Don, Deb, and John will participate on the committee.

Yard of the Season

Ron said that Deb will be holding a meeting soon to work on YOTS.

**Upcoming Events:**

Close of Summer Get Together

It was generally agreed that there's not enough time to organize a close-of-summer get together.

Community Halloween Party

Karen and Sue will co-chair a committee to plan a Halloween event for the neighborhood, scheduled for the weekend before Halloween. Sheila, John, and Don will be on the committee. One idea that was generally supported was to organize a trick-or-treat activity that would take residents to various houses in the neighborhood for a scavenger hunt before culminating in a group activity on the cul-de-sac.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 PM.**