

Pacific Partnerships
Minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Attending: Acting chair Kathy, Darrel, Gene, Arlene, Frank, Glenda, Teri, Leanne

Minutes of the October 10, 2006 meeting were read. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer report: No treasurer report available due to absence of Ann Smith.

Giving Tree Committee report: This committee consists of Leanne, Arlene, Barb, Jim, and Frank. Arlene and Leanne were in attendance. Arlene stated that she called the counselor over at Riverside who gave Arlene a telephone number of an individual who would be a good candidate for the Giving Tree. She called the number and stated that the person she contacted lived in Covington. It was decided that the selected families should be residents of Pacific. The ongoing problem seems to be finding eligible families in Pacific. Leanne stated that she knows two families in her neighborhood. She will follow up with them. Tracy of Dairy Queen gave Arlene the names of four additional families. Arlene will contact the families for information regarding whether or not they are residents of Pacific and if so, what the family needs and sizes are. She also got the name of a family from Illaco Elementary. Leanne suggested we contact Mark at the Food Bank again to see if he has any suggestions for eligible families that are not on another Holiday Giving Tree.

Glenda stated that City Hall employees will be adopting a whole family from the Giving Tree.

Kathy stated that Darrel put the sign up next to the tree with instructions for the Giving Tree. He also gave the information to the Finance window employees so they knew what to do. Arlene will follow up with them to explain how the packages should be handled. Glenda will pick up the packages each day so that they do not remain in City Hall.

Leanne and Arlene will call a separate meeting if assistance is needed to prepare additional ornaments with family information for the tree.

Darrel put the food barrel out by the tree. Arlene will contact the Food Bank to have them come pick it up during the holidays.

Santa has not yet retained. Arlene will talk to him for getting his services on December 22.

Signage for retail shops will be done on Friday, December 17.

Leanne will bring ornaments for the tree that she has at home. She will put them on the tree Thursday evening, December 16 and use Glenda's tree top ornament.

Deadline dates are as follows:

December 5 – All ornaments need to be removed from the tree.

December 15 – Gifts must be delivered to City Hall (Frank offered information on a web site url www.propertyroom.com for good deals on confiscated items that are new that you can bid on starting at \$1.)

December 17 – Wrapping and organizing of gifts at City Hall at 2:30

December 22 – Santa delivers packages

With regards to wrapping of gifts, supplies were volunteered as follows:

Gift wrap – Kathy, Darrel and Glenda

Bows – Arlene

Boxes – Kathy and Darrel

Gift box tags – Kathy and Darrel

Tissue paper - ??

Ribbon – Leanne

Scissors and Tape – Everyone (we need lots of this stuff)

Marketing/Membership Recruiting Committee report: It was mentioned that there were quite a few returned mailers. Ann will give the stack to Glenda. Glenda stated that she will be able to supply mailing addresses for some so that they can be sent out again. Some of the addresses for these mailers are in the database with telephone numbers. The committee will contact these businesses to obtain current addresses. One response was received from Rusty Rack who became a Paid member. Glenda stated that in time, things will grow. Leanne stated that the mailer idea is something she thought should be done at least 3 times a year. The committee agreed.

Darrel mentioned that once new addresses were obtained, he would need that in order to update the database.

Float Committee report: Teri asked if there was any sort of budget for this project. She stated that her husband, Doug is willing to get started on it. They would like to purchase some turf to cover the float. Kathy mentioned that this was something that we could direct to Ann when she comes in. Julie (Miss Pacific Princess) wants to ride on a float in the Santa Parade on December 2. Teri stated that for the Veterans Day Parade they bought some flags to put on the care and Julie wore red white and blue. Glenda stated that the dollar store has good deals on silk poinsettias that would work well on the float for the Santa Parade.

Frank mentioned that he picked up three sheets of white vinyl measuring approximated 4.5' x 6-8' that is printing vinyl for posters and banners. These would make great banner material and is available for the Partnerships' use.

Old Business

1. 501c3 Update – Kathy mentioned that she finally made contact with the individual who was interested in helping with some pro bono work. He told us that his expertise is politics and even though he works in a law firm, he is not an attorney and is not sure he would be any help in getting the nonprofit status. He wants to get involved with the committee, however, just as a regular member. He said he would help where he can. He is to set up a time when he and Ann, Glenda, and I can meet.
2. The Senior Committee meeting had some scheduling problems due to Election Day being held in the Senior Center. Glenda was not able to make it the day it was rescheduled for. She spoke with someone subsequent to the meeting and they informed her that there was nothing to report of any significance. Kathy will contact Joanne about scheduling the second Tuesday of each month for the Partnerships meeting. Glenda will get the key on those Tuesdays and then give it back to Joanne the next morning. A motion was made to move the monthly meetings to the Senior Center and a second was made. The motion passed unanimously.
3. The storage unit is going to be obtained and set up by Darrel and Ann on Saturday November 18 at A-1 Mini Storage.
4. Kathy mentioned that she spoke to Ann about the carnival for Pacific Days since November was the month we needed to contact them to determine their availability. Ann stated that she did contact him and was told that she should contact him the first part of December since he has been out of town.

Kathy mentioned that she saw a banner hanging on the side of the Holy Family Catholic Church advertising their Christmas Bazaar and for a date, the banner read “first weekend in November.” She mentioned that perhaps this would be a good approach for our signage once we get a date secured with the carnival, etc. This would be a good use for the vinyl that Frank has for the Partnerships use. Frank stated that these are pieces that are not suitable for giving to Auburn Sign since the size is too small for them to work with. We would have to improvise using vinyl lettering, painting, stenciling, etc. ourselves somehow. Darrel mentioned that our neighbor works for a company that does this sort of thing—cut out lettering.

Glenda reminded the Committee that she is still looking for suggestions for this next year's Grand Marshall.

5. Kathy distributed the new contact information sheets (11/14/06). Leanne requested birthday information on the Contact Sheet for future reference. Next birthday on the list is Gene Townsend on Sunday, December 17.

New Business

1. It was mentioned at the tree decorating party that it would be fun for the Committee to go out to dinner as a group on a social basis. This would be an opportunity to invite some of the members who do not attend meetings and give them a chance to meet the rest of the members. It would be something that fits people's budgets. There was a suggestion that we go to The Grand Buffet up by the Commons in Federal Way close to the Outback restaurant. This would be something we can think about doing after the first of the year. Glenda stated that after all, we are the "party people." Carpooling from the Post Office will also be available.
2. It was suggested by Glenda that we stick with the name Pacific Partnerships. Other members of the Committee were in agreement since the name has become known in the community. This can be something we discuss and vote on at a future meeting.

Roundtable

1. No further discussions was held.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at **CITY HALL** complex at 6:30pm