

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. Members present: Ann Wild (Chair), Put Ebinger, Bridget Hartman, Bob Lyford, and Cathy Wolf.

The minutes of the July 21 committee meeting were approved.

Erin Kopelman has volunteered to be permanent secretary after tonight's meeting.

Bridget and Cathy announced that ca. 127 have signed up for the Moveable Feast on October 2. The deadline for signing up (September 15) will be extended. Committee members will e-mail friends to generate more interest, and Ann will post information on the event on the Townneighbors listserv. There is a need for more dinner hosts and dinner chefs, but there are sufficient dessert hosts and chefs.

Bridget will contact Manna Food to find out whether they need certain types of food so that residents attending the progressive dinner can try to meet these needs when they drop off food at the event's opening reception in the Lawton Center.

Bob reported that block captain training sessions will be held October 4, 18 and 25 at the B-CC Regional Services Center. Additionally, there will be a block captain meeting (6p.m.) followed by a Public Safety Information session (7p.m.) for Town residents on October 6 in the Town Hall. Samantha Nolan, Director of the Neighborhood Watch Program in Chevy Chase, D.C., will speak on ways to prevent crimes of opportunity and strategies to avoid becoming a crime victim. Ms. Nolan was the recipient of a 2009 Mayor's Award for Lifetime Volunteerism. Montgomery County Police Officer Dana Stroman will also talk about crime prevention strategies.

Committee members offered to assist at Oktoberfest (October 15) and to help with setup at 5p.m. and pouring from 6-8p.m.

There will be a Discussion and Dessert on October 20 featuring a veterinarian from the National Zoo. A concert by the East Ave. Ensemble will be held on Nov. 6.

Bridget reported that Montgomery Preservation oversees historic house plaques, but there are only six houses in the Town which formally qualify. The question of whether other residents can purchase historic plaques appears to be immaterial and was tabled.

The committee decided to explore a collaborative project in the spring with the Writer's Center to highlight Chevy Chase writers.

Ann introduced a minor revision of the Town Crier policy as requested by Town Mayor David Lublin. The committee voted affirmatively on the change to the policy. The revised policy will go to the Town Council for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Wolf