

Butler Apartments Committee Meeting

January 10, 2006

Submitted by Stacy Janak, Secretary

Committee Members Present: Aleksandar Donev (Housing rep), Josh Friess (GSG rep), Stacy Janak (Secretary), Agatha Lenartowicz (Gardening Co-Chair), Damian Madar (Social Chair), Juan Melli (Webmaster), Jane Phillips (Bugle Editor), Joshua Podolak (Chair).

Community Members Present: Tara Kately (Community Programs Coordinator), Megan Sullivan, Shannon Hughes.

Meeting called to order at 9:35 pm.

1. New Business (Joshua Podolak):

- It was agreed that elections for open positions will be held at the next, or February, meeting. Stacy, Aleks, and Mark will be vacating their positions and the second gardening co-chair position (currently held by Joanna Wolaver) may also be available.

2. Treasurer's Report (Josh Friess for Mark Dobossy):

- The social account currently has \$1686.52. We expect between \$150 and \$400 from the GSG for the Chinese New Year event. Our current social budget for the Chinese New Year event is \$600 plus whatever the GSG provides.

3. GSG Report (Josh Friess):

- There will be elections for the GSG executive committee positions coming up in the next few months. Josh asked that interested people consider running.
- The GSG has established a task force to determine the effects of the new DCE status for graduate students reaching the end of their enrollment.
- Note: Josh later e-mailed that the GSG approved \$400 for the Chinese New Year event.

4. Housing Report (Aleks Donev):

- We are still waiting to hear if Housing will grant us 8 (versus 4) priority housing slots for the upcoming housing draw. Tara agreed to bring this up at the next Housing meeting.

5. Bugle Report (Jane Phillips):

- Jane is starting work on the next Bugle, to be delivered in the next two weeks. Aleks and Tara asked that a note be included to give instructions for use of the new sheds. Notes will also be added for the Chinese New Year event and upcoming availability of garden plots.

6. Gardening Report (Agatha Lenartowicz):

- Jim Connsolloy may be able to plow the garden again this year.
- The gardeners have been experiencing theft of vegetables. Agatha suggested adding a lock to the garden so that only plot holders will have access. Dwight has suggested using a key lock. Maybe a deposit should be given by all plot holders in return for a copy of the key.
- Garden renewals are happening this month, so new plots will be available next month.
- It is possible that the composter near the community room is not being properly used. Agatha will check its contents and decide if it needs to be moved to the garden area instead.

7. Community Programs Coordinator (Tara Kitley):

- Speed bumps are starting to be worked on.
- Facilities is looking into improving the lighting at the front entrance to the community. Committee members asked that other locations also have their lighting upgraded.
- Tara looked into having the shed in Halsey Court moved to another location in order to free up more parking. Jim Connsolloy has said that he will have the carpenters move it to another location.

8. Social Report (Damian Madar):

- The Chinese New Year event will be on Thursday, February 9th from 8-10 PM. Damian needs to make sure the room is available. People will volunteer for set-up and clean-up at the next meeting. Damian will order more food if the GSG provides additional funds.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of February, or February 7th, 2006.