Membership Committee meeting, September 23rd, GCC

In attendance: Chair Megan Williamson, Margo Tiedt, Megan Hegde, Ryan Koglin, Angelo Castillo

In general, the meeting was broken down into two parts; membership and the upcoming winter celebration.

Membership
New goals are to up membership, but more importantly, engage and involve community to a greater degree.
Would like to amend the membership committee charge to include “building engagement and involvement of the community”.
Create quarterly “listening” sessions where neighbors/MPD can come and discuss issues and concerns in a free form setting. SASY could then take action based on concerns. (Ryan reports neighbors being “turned off” when seeing the tightness of the agenda and the time limitations given during discussions). Megan H. will be organizing business owners (creating their own list serve) to cull ideas and concerns to pass on to SASY. Also try to get more businesses to join.
-other ideas were to create a standing 5-10 minute slot under new business for any neighborhood business to come and talk about what they do, perhaps have a business featured from time to time in Eastside News, and/or an evening meet and greet invitation at their shop.
Megan W. would like to create a Good Neighbor of the Year award for annual meeting.

Winter celebration
Changed the date to December 12th from the 13th due to Packer game that afternoon.
Much brainstorming about what groups to receive proceeds from event. One thought was to contact Lowell School about any homeless students/low income students who might benefit from financial help with musical instruments, extra circular activities, field trips, etc. Someone agreed to contact Brad K. about this.
Margo to look into music options.
Agreed that a catered event better than potluck. Margo to get pricing from in house Working Class Catering.
Items already accumulating for silent auction.
Have a staffed SASY table at event with information about why people should join and/or attend meetings.