SABD Manager’s Report

The next member meeting is at Epworth LeSourd! 8th & Anderson

We have been meeting quite regularly with a wide and varied assortment of people that have shown interest in being involved in the transformation of the Epworth LeSourd Methodist Church into a Sixth Ave Community Center.  It would be ideal to find a church that wished to partner with us.  In this way we would not have quite as difficult a time with the zoning regulations.  We have been meeting with churches, historians, developers, artists, teachers, cooks, twelve steppers, and several neighbors from the immediate area around the church.  The Tacoma Musical Playhouse has shown keen interest in a partnership or maybe an outright ownership of the building.

At this time we are looking at short-term goals, long-term goals, and how to adequately address the zoning.  It is most important for all concerned that the church does not become vacant for any length of time.  I believe we will accomplish this in the short term.

Ideas for use of the space that have been discussed are

A tool lending library, a pet food bank, letter press, a brewery, an after school learning center, community cooking classes, assembly and performance space, a recording studio, a social gathering place, a place like Fremont Abby in Seattle, a dance studio, live in artists space, meeting and event space for SABD and a B&B

Items discussed included the cost of operating the building.

• Utilities $1000.00/mo now but full operation could be $6-10 thousand/mo.
• The security and sound system will stay
• 100 chairs and tables may stay depending on need for the incoming organization
• Occupancy is important for the current church body and PNWC (The Pacific North West Conference, United Methodist Church.)
• Leaving a legacy for the community is one of the PNWC goals and the Epworth congregation

What’s next?  Dates going forward:

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President’s Letter

Weeds and the BIA

By Daniel Smith

I spent some time on Monday pulling, clipping, and shoveling weeds along our district. The Design Committee made cleaning our core a priority and the bids that we had received were just shy of $2,000 to accomplish this task. So, in an effort to mitigate the cost, I donned some gloves and headed out with Jason Buchannan, owner of Blackthorne Secure, a network security firm for small to

Art on the Ave

2015

Sunday, July 12

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The Methodist Conference will assume responsibility for operations July 1st, 2015. On June 21st the Church will be deconsecrated and all Religious artifacts removed. On June 14th there will be a celebration service on at 4 PM honoring the church’s history. On June 26-28 a bazaar to sell items by up to 50 vendors and tables of church items not necessary for facility operations going forward will be held.

**Short Term Goals:**
- Usage proposals must be sent to Brant Henshaw, Treasurer PNWC
- Determine operations and management direction for the immediate future
- Line up zoning meeting
- Secure committed groups in the short term
  - SABD- monthly meetings, storage, AOA, DOD, Holiday events
    - Definite
  - 4-5 12 Step programs
    - Definite
  - Rebecca Solverson: Tool Lending – City Arts Program
    - Probable
  - Lance Kagey---Letter Press  Arts
    - Probable

**Long term goals:**
- Secure new ownership and transference of ownership agreement with PNWC
- Observe the unfolding Legacy of the Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church

The SABD board will begin meeting at the Epworth church in June. Because we are growing in numbers and attendance we are in need of more space for our meetings and storage. Epworth can fill this need.

**Membership In the district is up to 65 at this time.** Which is about where we were a year ago. If you do not have your membership up to date please do so.

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The Sixth Ave Brochure is done and is at the printers, they should be available at next Tuesdays member meeting!

I spent several hours contacting businesses about the new brochure that the promotions committee is producing. I have contacted most all of the businesses in the core from State to Alder and each business in the core will be listed in the brochure. We all hope you like it and appreciate the effort that the promotions committee has put into its production. 3000 will be printed and available by early June.

There are several other things that others from the district have been engaged in and I know the results will be apparent in the near future. One stand out is the crosswalks that are to be painted throughout the district. We all have Casey Cowles to thank for his persistence in this matter.

In Love and Service,
Mario Lorenz
SABD Manager

Euphemeral Designs
4104 Sixth Avenue
Open Saturday and Sunday from 11 to 5
Find them on facebook.com/EuphemeralDesigns | Instagram | Pinterest
Crystal Green, Proprietor

As you travel down Sixth Avenue toward Stevens Street, you may notice a tidy gray house at the intersection of Monroe Street and Sixth. It’s exterior is inviting with its little pennants lining the walkway and colorfully painted furniture items positioned coyly at the street corner. A tent sign on the corner states: Euphemeral Designs: Painted Furniture & Vintage Finds. Euphemeral is a play on words; Crystal calls it a “good fleeting moment.” Step inside and be delighted.

Euphemeral Designs has been on Sixth Ave for about two years now and has been redefining its mission ever since it opened its doors. In the past they focused on painting furniture and providing seasonally focused items; now they are evolving into offering extraordinary products that they have created themselves as well as locally sourced products. The emphasis is less on furniture, although that is a large share of their market.

Crystal Green started her business much like many Tacoma women as an alternative to commuting to Seattle. After her kids were born, she found commuting to be too time consuming. For a long time she found herself working on her furniture creations at home, until it became apparent that her avocation was taking over her house. She found other creative women, Alison Bryan of The Modern Cottage Co., among others, and they formed a cooperative group downtown Tacoma. As they grew more successful, they branched out to their own spaces. They remain close and still refer clients to each other.

She chose her store site because it was a stand-alone space with plenty of parking and a corner location visible from each direction on a busy street. She liked the
Ephemeral Designs [continued from page 3]

idea that it was a destination and that it was large enough to hold classes as well as product. Crystal sells finished pieces as well as paint, milk paint. Many of her pieces are items she has created, but she also sells consignment items. She buys the pieces outright and offers them up right away. Items stay until they sell; most are sold within a month. Although she had furniture on both levels of the store when she first opened, she has since relegated the upstairs to studio and classroom space.

Classes are offered once a month to show how to work with paint. Her classes are three to four hours long and limited to 4 to 5 people. She offers a project that can be completed in the class time, as well as appetizers and wine or non-alcoholic beverages.

Crystal offers milk paint in her store. It is sold in powder form and mixed with water to the proper consistency for its purpose (paint or stain). It is safe, authentic, durable paint that has been used for years. There are no chemicals in the paint, the colors come from the earth. It adheres well to raw wood, but she also offers a base if you do not wish to strip all the finish from your furniture item before you paint it. She also offers various finishes for the paint; some are food friendly. Her favorite finish, hemp oil, is great to seal wood floors in high humidity areas such as kitchens or baths. The paint and the various finishes breathe so they last as long as the furniture.

Her typical client is female, mostly home- or condo-owners, often people who are moving or having babies. She has customers who have been with her for a long time. Crystal values her relationships with customers and fellow business owners. They are friends and family; they create a community and support each other. Often clients will bring her pieces that have been handed down through generations. She is honored and respectful of that trust.

Her store has many items. Some are brilliantly col-ored, some are from what she calls her “gray period.” You will certainly find something that works in your home or office. Or you may be inspired to sign up for a class.

Photos by Angie
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Lives Changed Thrift Store
1601 Sixth Ave, Tacoma 98405
Hours: Wed-Sat 12 to 6
www.facebook.com/
LivesChangedThriftStore/
Proprietor: Linda Evans

Meeting Linda Evans is like reconnecting with an old friend. She immediately puts you at ease and seeks to make you comfortable. She has been involved with the Sixth Avenue community for years: six with the Life Changing Ministry that occupies the space behind the thrift store, and as the shop’s proprietor since it opened at the end of 2014. The store acts as the marketplace business that helps support the church in its mission.

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Their mission is to transform lives through economic empowerment, be it improving job skills by providing volunteering opportunities in the store or offering affordable outfits suited to job search and employment. They chose Sixth Ave because it is in a good location to reach the community with a marketplace as well as the ministry of the church.

**Lives Changed Thrift Store** carries items that can help families with specific needs: everything from furniture (some still wrapped in plastic) to dishes and household items; men’s, women’s, and children’s shoes and clothing (some new with tags in place); toys and games (CDs, DVDs, etc.); even art to decorate the walls. The inventory is new to slightly used, but all is clean and provided at a good price.

Customers vary from thrift store shoppers looking for bargains they can refurbish or resell, to those setting up a first household, to families who need good children’s clothing at a reasonable price. Linda plans her sales with her customer in mind. One month features baby items on sale; children’s clothing is put on sale in time for “back to school.” She understands the strain on the pocketbook for families who need to clothe growing kids. She even has a free bin for those who like to rummage for the ultimate bargains.

Linda’s goal is to offer fair exchange with the community, providing items they need at prices they can afford and taking only the minimum that she needs in return. It appears to be a win-win for all.

*Photos by Angie*
May 14, 2015

6th Ave Business District

Hi Everyone!

I meet with Mario today & he told me you have outgrown our building the old John L Scott Building on 4424 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA. That’s a good thing! But we will miss you!

Your meeting provides very good information and your newsletter is very well done. Real Estate Investment Services (our Commercial Sales & Property Management Company) will continue to be a member and supporter of your organization.

We have really enjoyed meeting a lot of the members and feel lucky to have met some likeminded, hardworking people with who we can continue to do business in the future.

Rock On!

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Sixth Avenue Yarn Bomber & You

Hello, Sixth Avenue Businesses.
While you sleep, the Sixth Avenue Yarn Bomber stealthily makes your businesses look better and more inviting. She thoughtfully chooses colors that complement your business, and sometimes she adds a little flourish.

She does this on her own, with no compensation. We love our Sixth Avenue Yarn Bomber and we want to keep her in stitches.

To that end, Ubiquitous Journey has agreed to be a collection point for any yarn you may have lying around in the back of your closet, or in that knitting basket that has been gathering dust behind the couch.

Bring your unused yarn skeins to Ubiquitous Journey, 2607 Sixth Ave, and Robyn will gladly hold it until our Yarn Bomber can come gather it. Who knows, maybe we’ll get enough to yarn bomb the tree trunks! Thank you!

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–Angie Lokotz

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ART ON THE AVE 2015
COLLABORATION

The goal of the this years event will be to join both business and community through visual and audio performances reinforced by collaborative ventures by business owners and community leaders. The newly founded projects will create opportunities for all parties involved, whether spectator or participant. Like an individual facet on a jewel, each of us can present a fantastic portrayal of our own history and talents yet we shine brightest only when we realize we are all part of the same diamond.

We can be more. We can make more. Know your neighbor. Let them get to know you. Now… lets do something great.

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SABD General Meeting Minutes 5/12/15

Call to Order 9:02 am by Vice Pres. Rachel Krage-lund

Introductions

Move to Approve Minutes | Casey Cowles/Christopher List | Approve

Treasurer’s Report | Pete Vanrosendael
Currently $6341.56 in the bank. Recent bills included $80 Lunch for Cleanup Crew, $350 to design of brochures, $68.99 print materials. Upcoming $445 for insurance, $800 for brochures. 55 members have paid dues. We need at least 100 members. Contact Pete or Mario, or download forms from our website (http://www.on6thave.com) or Facebook page.

Community Liaison Report | CLO Don Stodola
Washington State is #1 for property crimes. City of Tacoma has a Burglary Reduction Initiative in progress: (3 or more convictions will be a felony). Last year we had 1900 burglaries in Tacoma, 37% had entrance through an unlocked door/window. There are only 3 patrolmen assigned to the North End. Watch out for each other.

City of Tacoma | Jocinda Howard
The City has small business loans available through federal funding to provide gap financing (when primary lender is unable). Some examples: “facade program” (new signage, expanding, real estate acquisition). Up to 250K, 2% of prime, City is underwriter.

We also heard presentations about alternate financing from two lenders:
Walter Acuna, Vice President of Craft3, a private, non-profit Seattle firm providing capital to startups or strugglers. 20K to $5 million. www.craft3.org, info@craft3.org

George Staggers from Community Capital Development, Seattle, another private non-profit that can provide up to 250K. Restaurants, female owned businesses, food trucks, are some examples. www.seattleccd.com, georges@seattleccd.com

City Dept. of Economic Development Report | Carol Wolfe

District Manager Report | Mario Lorenz
Our meeting room is too crowded and lease is up at the end of May. June meeting will be held at Epworth LeSourd, 710 S. Anderson. The church is closing June 30; Mario and a group of investors are looking to make it into a community/art/event center of sorts akin to Fremont Abbey (http://fremontabbey.org).

Committee Reports:

Art on the Ave Report | James Tucker
Please Like us on Facebook. Share info via Facebook, Twitter, etc. This year we are laying out the framework for successful subsequent festivals, writing it down and updating digitally. Offering payment online as well. Looking for more high-powered sponsors, currently talking to Tacoma Art Museum and Children’s Museum. Culling through all applicants (over 200 musicians applied). Looking to do more interesting, relevant live-art features (for instance, a live pinstriping airbrush demo by top car talent at O’Reilly’s Auto). Vendors will be down the center of the street. Looking to decorate the street poles, etc. so readily apparent if you are in Gold, White, or Red zone. Saturn Barter is our backup to Cash if necessary.

Safety Committee | Casey Cowles
Committee is focusing on three things: Video cameras, graffiti, crosswalks

Promotions Committee | Robyn Liss
Map of 6th Ave Core is ready for printer; 10 new members because of map

Organizations Committee | Angie Lokotz
Newsletter sponsors keep coming; ads are coming in as well. We are covering our printing costs. We are looking to reintroduce the 6on6 Social as a quarterly function. Next one will be August 6 at Bluebeard (at 7pm).

Member Announcements:
Peter Vanrosendael: we are looking for 8 total businesses for an ad in the US Open Golf Issue of the Weekly. $200 each for the 8 businesses would buy a full page; 80K copies.
Bill Connolly: May 31st event at Vino Aquino featuring Mike Endicott, author of Walking with Presidents: Stories from Inside the Perimeter.
Christopher List: new blues album, Equinox Blues, by his group Jaden Row is available at Hi Velocity Records.

UPS Graduation Sunday, May 17.

Adjourn 10:10
Respectfully Submitted,
Angie Lokotz, Secretary
medium businesses.

Now, anyone who has attended one of our board meetings over the past year can attest to the fact that I am an advocate of establishing a Business Improvement Area (BIA) between State and Alder Streets. BIA’s help to foster a greater sense of community through collaborative marketing, increased safety, and aesthetic improvements; we can hire security guards to walk within our district and hire individuals to remove graffiti and weeds.

Roughly half way down the Ave and while hunched over tugging at a weed determined not to be freed from the sidewalk, my thoughts turned to a conversation I had engaged in with a business owner a few days prior. While understanding my logic and enthusiasm for bringing a BIA to 6th Ave, she challenged that we, as a district and through the SABD, could accomplish the same feat. Property/Business owners could be encouraged to maintain their building/storefronts and with an increase in monetary support, the Sixth Avenue Business District (SABD) could more readily advertise our district and hire off duty police officers when necessary.

As I clipped the tree shoots in front of her establishment, I realized that along with my feelings of satisfaction I had a growing sense of community. Perhaps, as core stake holders, if we work together to increase our support of the SABD, we could create a greater feeling of community and accomplish what a BIA would accomplish ourselves.

So what do we do? Do we band together under the SABD or work together to form a BIA in addition to the SABD? In the words of our District Manager, Mario Lorenz, that’s a question....
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- Ice Cream Social, Layla Isaac, 253-372-1660, 2914 Sixth Ave #A, LAYLA@icecreamsocialtacomacom
- Jon’s Barber Shop, Jon Tryfon, 253-752-5162, 3825 1/2 Sixth Avenue, jontryfon@yahoo.com
- Kathleen Creso, 253-537-7565, 16015–16th Ave So., Spanaway 98387
- Laughter Masters, Mario Lorenz, 816 So. L St., 253-272-6622, marioslorenz@gmail.com
- Laundry Mart, Rose Mathes, 5401 Sixth Avenue, 253-752-6100, laundrymart@hotmail.com
- Lawn Equipment Repair, Al Switzer, 253-756-7459, 3519 1/2 Sixth Avenue, achristmaswishes@gmail.com
- Legal Shield, Bill Connolly, 253-272-2924, 1321 No. 5th St., susanconnolly@sprintmail.com
- Lind Pest Control, Beth Lind, 253-503-1100, 4138 Sixth Avenue, info@lindpestcontrol.com
- Lives Changed Thrift Store, Lonia J. Evans, 1601 Sixth Avenue, 253-632-2753, Turfpraise@gmail.com
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- O’Malley’s Irish Pub, Pat Mawhinney, Richard Jenning, 253-627-9403, 2403 Sixth Avenue, patmawhinney@comcast.net, COMMUNITY MEMBER
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- Primo Grill, Jacqueline Platner, 253-383-7000, 6th Avenue at Oakes
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- North End Neighborhood Council, 2522 No, Proctor Ste 418, chair@nenc.org
- Turntable Treasures/House of Records, Peter W. Vanrosendael, 253-272-9229, 608 No. Prospect, peter@turntabletreasures.com
- Ubiquitous Journey, Robyn Liss, 253-572-2550, 2607 Sixth Avenue, robyn@ubiquitousjourney.com
- University of Puget Sound, John Hickey, 1500 No. Warner #1027, 253-879-3203, hickey@ups.edu
- Vapor Café, Chris & Andrea Hendricks, 253-302-4985, 2802 Sixth Ave., vaporcafe72@gmail.com
6th Ave Word Search
How many 6th Ave businesses can you find hidden below?

Christina Wheeler & Ossein Avila Cardenas of The Nearsighted Narwhal,
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