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**Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association**  
**General Meeting April 19, 2011**

Treasurer Karen Herrel called the meeting to order at 7:33. There were 14 members attending.

Announcements:

Next month's speaker will be a representative from California Water Service who will discuss the plans for a new water tank next to the existing tank on 28th Avenue.

The June speaker will be Ken White from the Peninsula Humane Society.

The July meeting will be the annual social meeting. A vote of the members was taken to decide what to serve at the social. The choices were; ice cream, pizza, cake and a dessert pot luck. The winning choice was cake & ice cream. Additional votes will be taken at the May and June meetings before determining the final choice.

Vice President Anne Arnold will be moving out of the City and thus will be resigning as of the end of this month.

Speakers:

There were two speakers this month. The first speaker was Travers McNeice from the Rising Sun Energy Center. The City of San Mateo has partnered with Rising Sun Energy Center to help the city's residents save money on their water and electricity bills. Rising Sun hires local residents age 17-22 and gives them a 40 training course to survey homes for ways to conserve water and electricity. Rising Sun has been doing these surveys for 11 years with no complaints from homeowners. The City has allocated enough funds to survey 200 homes. Homeowners can sign up for surveys which will be conducted this summer. New CFL lights are guaranteed for seven years (but usually last for ten years), and use less energy than older CFL's. Wisnom's Hardware, at Second Avenue & Delaware, takes back burnt out CFL's and recycles them.

The second speaker was Karen Maskel Reference Librarian at the Hillsdale Branch Library. Karen is also a member of BHNA. The Hillsdale Branch Library opened in 1957. The land for the library was donated to the City by the Bohannen Family with the stipulation that it could be used only for a library. The library was remodeled seven years ago to comply with ADA requirements. The library has 50,000 books. In recent years the internet has been replacing reference books. There is no Children's Librarian at the moment, but they still have the Children's Story Time on Wednesdays. The library has both music CD's and DVD's of films and documentaries. There are 14 computers for use by the public. Books can be put on hold for a charge of 75 cents if the book comes from the Hillsdale Library and \$5.00 if it comes from any other library in California. There is no charge for a hold on children's books. Karen discussed 11 new books that are available at the library. Several members talked about favorite books that they have read.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47.

Submitted by Stan Shogren.