

.CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

September 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bill Thesier, at 7:31 P.M. at the Foundry Methodist Church.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no report. Secretary Tina Knight was unable to be present. Betty Kennedy, board member, took the minutes for this meeting in the secretary's absence.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by BJ Taylor, Treasurer.

* ***Cash on hand:*** \$1,400 Scholarship; \$1,000 Fence Fund; \$8,000 Regular account.

The Budget is "on line" with the annual budget for the year. We now are just a few dollars under budget. Corporation papers have been filed; dues and legal fees have been paid.

* The budget for the **4th of July parade** and picnic was \$1,800 but our **cost** was only **\$1,000**. Money can be saved by cutting back on cookies for *Halloween* and serving hotdogs.

* 182 residents have paid their dues to date. Letters will be sent out to those who have not paid dues and from whom no response has been received.

* \$70 was received from residents, William & Alice Brase, Mulberry Ct., for the purchase of a pet mask for our local fire department as a result of the article in our Colony Newsletter regarding the need for them.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Bill Thesier, President, announced that there are new rules for meetings at the church (Foundry United Methodist Church, Virginia Beach Blvd) regarding our meetings. We must now pay \$50 every meeting. Any political speakers must be from all parties – non partisan. Todd Mayo made a motion that we accept their terms. The motion was seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Halloween – Presented by George Coleman, chairman. George asked for input from last year.

* *Rob Wigg* offered to open his backyard for a *haunted house*, west side next to entrance,

* It was discussed as to whether or not we should have the picnic on the next day if weather is inclement. It was decided that we should have it at the same time regardless of weather.

* The picnic should begin at 5:30 PM and end at 7:00 PM.

2. Dredging – Presented by Frank Gurdziel, Chairman.

* John Sutton at McLeskey and Associates has received the papers prepared by Bill Swanner, the lawyer representing the Colony, regarding a quick deed for granting the boat ramp and the dirt in the canals from Wayne McLeskey, who owns them, to the Chesapeake Colony Civic League. He has been concerned if something should happen and the Civic League should fold. The paper work has been restructured to please McLeskey and been resubmitted. Once he signs the papers, it should take about 3 months to get through the regulatory process with the city.

* The dredges in the river now for other areas are using the landfill at Currow Pit, not far from Oceana. This is where the spoils from our canals would be taken. There should be plenty of room.

* Bob Simeon sent a letter to Jim Wood, city councilman, regarding the dredging of the main channel, which is the responsibility the city. James Spore responded and said that the city is not sheduled for dredging until 1012 with the design to be done in 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Colony Beautification – Several residents helped clean up front and trim bushes. (??)

2. Speeding – Still an issue. Mostly young. Please keep after them and remind all speeders to slow down.

3. Volunteers for Halloween – A sign-up sheet was sent around.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Board Members** – New members are needed to replace two that are dropping off after serving their terms . Board meetings are scheduled every other month. Please volunteer.
Duties –Attend Board meetings and Civic League meetings (scheduled to be held quarterly) whenever able; coordinate the Civic League meetings with speakers; assist in preparing newsletters sent out quarterly; organize the 4th of July and Halloween parties.
2. **Light Rail** – It was suggested that someone in Colony follow up and act as liaison to find out about plans for a light rail in Virginia Beach. It was suggested having a speaker from the city and tax alliance to speak on related issues.
3. **Signs** – A motion was made by BJ Taylor to put a notice in the Newsletter that signs are only allowed on a person's private property and no signs are allowed at the entrance or on street corners except Open House signs during an Open House (usually on Saturdays and Sundays) and the Civic League's notification of meetings or other Civic events. Signs should be taken down as soon as possible after Open Houses and completion of Civic League matters. It was seconded by Jennifer Coleman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted,

Betty Kennedy, board member (acting in place of secretary)
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