

# Chesapeake Colony Civic League Meeting

October 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church. There were 22 residents in attendance.

**Secretary's report:** Reading of the minutes was waived and they were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's report:** To date, 201 residents have paid their dues.

Checking Account Balance:	\$8438.33
Savings Account Balances:	
Scholarship	\$1545.22
Fence	762.76
General	<u>3648.51</u>
TOTAL	\$5956.49

According to BJ Taylor, \$770 was donated to the scholarship fund this year by our residents. Responding to a question from Mike Aschkenas about the fence, he explained the fence fund was set up many years ago. Mr. McLeskey agreed to build the fence on the west side if it would be maintained by the Colony. Many of the residents put up their own money as a "fence fund" and Wayne Woolwine takes care of any maintenance issues. Just recently, the Board voted to include \$100 per year in the budget to help with fence maintenance. Any interest earned on the savings account is put in the fence fund. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

## Committee Reports:

- **Security** – Ron Hess said there have been no incident reports since the last meeting. Jo White, Marketing Assistant for Bob's Jobs apologized to the group for soliciting in the neighborhood and said she was not aware it was not allowed until she met BJ. Ron pointed out that it is a city regulation that any solicitor must have a permit, not a Colony rule.
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – Jennifer Coleman said at this time, the Garden Club may not have sufficient funds to plant pansies at the front entrance. It costs approximately \$300 for the plants and the Colony pays for the installation. The Club will be meeting on 10/11/12 and more information will be available at that time. The planting may have to be postponed.
- **Welcome Committee** – Betsy McEnroe said she was able to gather information on some new residents for the recently released newsletter. When Ron Hess gets information from his block captains, he sends it to Betsy. The Welcome committee may get information on new residents that were not generated by the block captains, and he would like to make sure that information gets back to him. Everett Milteer said the "blue tarp" house on the trail at the end of Sandy Valley has been purchased by a young couple. They are currently doing work on the house and are getting ready to close.
- **Halloween** – There is no coordinator this year so the entire Board will be pitching in. Janet said she welcomes more volunteers. Wayne Woolwine will talk to Mrs. Smith for our electrical needs. Floyd Evans has a 22' flatbed that he will bring for the stage. Annette Thompson said she no longer has the sound system that was used last year. Bill Thesier moved to purchase one for the Colony since it can be used for both Halloween and July 4<sup>th</sup>. He feels one can be purchased for under \$200. Janet asked him to get prices and the Board will vote by email.
- **Dredging** – Janet said the City Attorney continues to negotiate with the McLeskey estate to gain transfer rights to canal bottoms. After that is completed, petitions should be mailed to the residents. At that time, the Dredging Committee will campaign to urge residents to complete their petitions and return to the city. Frank Gurdziel said opponents to the dredging plan challenged the number of adjustments to the property. He met with the city engineer today and they went through all 133 properties and he does not expect any issues. Mike Aschkenas said if

McLeskey's group agrees to the quit claim deed for the canal bottoms, it has to be announced in the newspaper and then goes to City Council for approval. Transfer will also include the boat ramp. BJ Taylor pointed out that we will not own nor insure the boat ramp. If it is transferred to the city, we will have an easement in order to make any repairs necessary.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- The Wigg's house at the front of the Colony is being cleaned up by the bank and will soon be turned over to a realtor to sell.
- Ron Hess, Bill Thesier and Todd Lovelace are on the nominating committee. They will draft a slate for election in January. All officers are up for election as well as two Board members. If anyone is interested in serving or has a recommendation, please notify one of the committee members.
- Wayne Woolwine suggested saying the Pledge of Allegiance prior to civic league meetings and the vote was yes. Someone will need to be responsible for bringing a flag.
- Annette Thompson asked for residents to please tape their signs to telephone poles instead of the street sign posts. When the signs are removed, it takes off the paint.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Thesier  
Secretary