

Chesapeake Colony Civic League Meeting

February 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church by President Janet Webster. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Reading of the minutes from 10-08-13 was waived and approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: April Brown reported 197 out of 263 residents have paid their (\$50.00) 2013 dues. \$795 has been donated to the scholarship fund this fiscal year by members of our community.

Checking Account Balance: \$6045.97

Savings Account Balances:

Scholarship	\$1649.22
Fence	763.61
General	<u>3648.51</u>
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$6061.34

Janet asked where the budget stands and April stated she has not re-tallied the numbers since the 02-04-14 CCCL Board of Directors meeting, where the numbers were:

2013 Expense Budget	\$11,305.00
Current Cumulative Expenses	9,159.62

At this time we are currently \$2145.38 under budget; however, we do have a few more expenses before the end of the current year. April pointed out that our dues cover beautification and lawn maintenance of the entrance, maintenance of the street signs, front sprinkler systems, electric bill for the front lights, property taxes, social events and more. We also own the front pieces of property, tables, chairs and PA system used for social events.

Treasurer's report approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

- **Security** – Ron Hess said all Block Captains are listed in the front of the newsletter. If you do not have a directory, contact Ron. There are no reported security problems at this time.
- **Website** – No report. John Davis continues to maintain the site.
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – Thanks to Annette Thompson for putting up the Christmas bows on the street signs. Jennifer Coleman said the flowers at the front entrance will be replaced in May. The Garden Club is having a plant sale on April 12 from 9-2 at the front entrance. Their next meeting will be in the evening in March, but a date has not been set.
- **Clean the Bay Day** – This usually occurs on the first weekend in June. More information will follow.
- **Council of Civic Organizations** – No report.
- **Welcome Committee** – Susanne Vigus has been busy contacting new residents and delivering cookies. Lindsey and O.E. Burke were welcomed, who attended their first CCCL meeting. They recently moved to Chester Forest and were greeted with Susanne's welcome basket.

- **Scholarship** - Jennifer Coleman said the scholarship is granted to a graduating Colony senior based on merit. Information will be announced in the April newsletter and the application will be available on the CCCL website. The scholarship is fully funded by donations from Colony residents. The scholarship is awarded in May.
- **4th of July** – Janet gave a brief overview of the festivities for the new residents present at the meeting. It takes many volunteers to put on this event and we welcome all to help. Nancy May has agreed to take over the role of volunteer coordinator for food service and judging and will coordinate the food service. Planning will begin in April.
- **Dredging** – Frank Gurdziel is chairman and wrote an update for the newsletter. The City and their engineers are currently working on surveying the canals. Taxes will begin in the fall for the people that are affected.

Old Business:

- Muddy entrance - April contacted several companies to get estimates to fix the muddy problems on the east side of the entrance but has not received any replies. She will continue to pursue this issue.
- Outdated lighting on entrance walls - It was suggested the bricks be painted and lights be updated. An estimate was given for \$3500 to replace the lighting. It was suggested a neighborhood survey be completed to see if there are other options for lighting and if people would be willing to donate to cover the cost of the update. There is not enough in the budget to cover such an expense. Perhaps there are people in the Colony that have skills which would reduce the cost. The new Board will discuss this further.
- Complaints about parents parking in the street while waiting for the school bus was addressed in the newsletter. It was noted the situation has improved.

New Business:

- The Farm Fresh is being torn down and will be replaced with a Wal-Mart Marketplace. BJ Taylor said he visited the store on Holland Rd. and was impressed. There is a building permit on file for a One Life Fitness Center for the vacant Ames building. It is scheduled to open this summer.
- Ron Hess introduced the following nominees for election to the Civic League Board:

President: Steve Vigus
 Vice-President: George Coleman
 Secretary: Heather Serio
 Treasurer: April Brown
 Director: Philip Figueroa
 Director: Frank Gurdziel

Officers serve for one year and Directors for three years. All Nominees were approved and elected for the 2014 term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Susie Thesier
 Secretary