

Chesapeake Colony Civic League Meeting

May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church by President Steve Vigus. The meeting did not begin with the Pledge of Allegiance because there was no flag available. A flag will be brought for the next meeting.

Secretary's Report: Reading of the minutes from 2-18-14 was waived and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: April Brown said 17 residents have paid their 2014 dues.

Checking account balance:	\$4,972.65
Savings account balance:	\$4,412.30
Scholarship fund:	\$2,176.22

Committee Reports:

- **Security** – Ron Hess said there was a rabid raccoon near the front of the colony. They should be considered dangerous if seen in the day.
- **Website** – No report
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – The last meeting is 5-8-14 and will reconvene in September. It was noted that anyone can join the Garden Club. Jennifer Coleman explained what they do, such as landscaping the front entrance, putting bows up on street poles during Christmas and 4th of July, and making donations to various organizations. Annette Thompson said she needs volunteers to help put the bows up and take them down. It was decided that the bows would go up a week before the holiday and be taken down a week after the holiday. The Garden Club had a plant sale at the front entrance and made a profit. There will be a Garden Club summer party on 6-7-14. Contact Jennifer Coleman for more details.
- **Clean the Bay Day** – Tom McLaughlin reported there are currently 6 volunteers; however there are normally 12 volunteers. He suggests going out on Friday, 6-6-14 at 4:00 pm by watercraft and on Saturday, 6-7-14 meet at the water tower to go by foot. There was also a suggestion to officially adopt an area and clean the area every two months.
- **Council of Civic Organizations** – No report
- **Welcome Committee**- No report
- **Scholarship** – Jennifer Coleman said the colony website has the scholarship application on it. The deadline is approaching quickly. The scholarship will be awarded before graduation. The winner will be recognized in the newsletter and at the 4th of July celebration.
- **4th of July** – Mike Swirzinski has taken over for Janet Webster. Nancy May has taken over the role of food service coordinator, food service volunteer coordinator and judging. Mike will work on organizing the crossing guards and check on the permit.

- **Dredging** – No report
- **Newsletter** –Deadline to advertise in the next newsletter is May 15th.

Old Business:

- At the last meeting, the muddy area on the east side was discussed. April Brown is waiting for her phone calls to be returned.
- The outdated lighting on the entrance walls was discussed. David Whitehurst said the cost would be about \$3200 to switch to LED lights with a light guard and wiring, to pressure wash and to paint the sign. He mentioned lighting alone would be about \$1700-\$1800. He also proposed trimming and/or removing the bushes at the front entrance because they are overgrown and covering our signs. A subcommittee will be put in place to take a look at the ideas and to survey the neighborhood. The survey would take place after 4th of July.
- Vacant Ames building will house OneLife Fitness, Hobby Lobby and Wal-Mart Marketplace.

New Business:

- Steve Vigus suggested a community photography contest of local water/nature and the winners would be announced at Clean the Bay day. This idea will be investigated prior to implementation.
- There have been reports of rodents near the entrance. Steve noticed holes under shed and is not sure if those are from previous traps. BJ Taylor offered to call the pest control company.
- Boat ramp condition may or may not be related to the dredging. There hasn't been a decision on where the spill out will be taken.

Additional comments

Mike Swirzinski suggested using the internet and other social media sites to communicate with the neighborhood. The board will look into a Facebook page or a webpage.

Tom McLaughlin brought up a concern regarding the Westside fence by Mrs. Smith's property. It is unknown who is responsible for the fence. Tom has propped it up and painted it a few times. He is worried it could be a safety hazard and suggested taking it down or replacing it. The common area will be looked at by the same subcommittee that will be surveying the neighborhood regarding the front entrance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Serio
Secretary