

Chesopeian Colony Civic League Meeting

January 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at Beach Ford Dealership by President Jenny Reed.

Secretary's Report: Reading of the minutes from 10-24-2107 was waived and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Jenny Reed gave the treasurer's report on behalf of April Brown. She said that 172 residents have paid their 2017 dues (one was prorated at \$25). One person paid 2015 dues, three people paid 2016 dues, six people have paid 2018 dues, and one person paid 2019 dues.

The 2018 budget was also presented. The major changes were an increase in the amounts for the 4th of July picnic and the Halloween party, to bring them more in line with actual spending. The electric budget was decreased because we are using less electricity with the new LED lights.

Our current liability insurance policy runs through 2/28/2018. We are looking at a possible change in companies to get coverage more in line with what we need.

Betty Kennedy had a question about the \$0 amount in the website column. It was not used in 2017.

A comment from the floor was made about how the board does a great job of budgeting.

There being no further questions or objections, the 2018 budget was passed unanimously.

Checking account balance:
Savings account balance:
Scholarship fund:

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Committee Reports:

- **Security** – No security issues to report, but there are 3 block captain positions that will be open soon.
- **Website** – The website will be updated with the most recent board member's information, to exclude the treasurer's email to protect against scams.
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – The club had no report. Leslie Bell pointed out that in the last meeting minutes, it was stated that 1/3 of the membership voted against changing the beds, 1/3 voted to change the beds and 1/3 didn't care. It was reported in the minutes that "The members who work on the gardens regularly made the deciding vote to change the bed." Bell wanted clarified that the members who work on the gardens voted NOT to change the beds.
- **Council of Civic Organizations** – Mary Bradley said that each year the Council gives out awards in both the youth and adult categories for an outstanding volunteer in the civic league community. In her research she discovered that Chesopeian Colony had never nominated anyone. She encouraged the community to submit nominations this year. The nominations are due by April. Please email Mary any nominations and she will see that they are submitted. The winners will be recognized at a town council meeting by the mayor.
- **Welcome Committee** – The welcome committee has not been out recently due to the wet weather. They like to go when there are groups of six new residents to welcome. They make three attempts and if they are unable to connect after 3 times, they leave a bag on the door. If you have a new neighbor or want to join the welcome committee, contact Heather Serio at h.serio80@gmail.com.
- **Dredging** – Frank Gurdziel said the city still plans to put the bid notice in the paper this weekend. This starts the process. The bid will be open for 30 days. At the conclusion of the bidding, the city will review the bidders and who is qualified to do the project. It is expected that they will release the bid to

the winner sometime in April. The bid has a six-month time limit, which includes mobilizing, dredging, post dredge surveys and de-mobilizing. It is expected that the process will be complete sometime in October. Frank has communicated to the city how anxious residents are to be done with the project. The city will recalculate the cost of the project, to include private dredge payments, after the project is done. He said they will be looking at the list of those who have paid and those who have not, and will be making phone calls to ensure that those who had plans done for private dredging were still moving forward or were passing on this round.

On a semi-dredge related note, Frank explained that there were some changes to how oyster leases were handled by the city. One year ago the city changed regulations that allowed part of private oyster leases to be used for dredging projects. After the change was made, it was noticed that one word was missing that needed correction. VRMC wrote a correction which nullifies the city's ability to make the change in how the leases were handled in regards to dredging. Frank asked that we write our state senators and delegates and ask that they approve the bill as written originally and not as corrected. Frank has the package and the email addresses of the legislators. Please email him if you are interested in receiving the information. While there is no known direct impact to Chesapeake Colony, the change could have an impact on the city's ability to dredge the main channel in the Lynnhaven River. As oyster leases are forever, it was noted that the change could have a lasting impact.

- **Newsletter** – The newsletter has been distributed. Thank you to April Brown for stuffing them single-handedly so they wouldn't be late.
- **Party Shed** – No report. If you want to rent any of the colony equipment, please contact Heather Serio.

Old Business:

- Carolyn Dittrick said the street signs are in need of sanding and repainting. Ron Hess said he knows how to do them and to round up a group of residents to do them. Someone suggested getting an Eagle Scout candidate to do it for an Eagle Scout project.

New Business:

- **Elections:**
There were 2 board slots open to be filled this year. Jenny Reed has served 2 years as president and must step down. Nancy May was nominated to fill the president's spot, leaving her director(at-large) spot vacant. Current director Steve Mangum will take a break from the board, leaving a second director spot vacant. David Bowen and Mary Bradley were nominated to fill the vacancies. Vice-President Ben McCarty, Treasurer April Brown and Secretary Adrienne Downing will remain in their positions for another year. After the nominees were introduced, and with no objections to the slate, all nominees were approved for their positions.

Additional comments-

There were no additional comments or questions from the floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Downing
Secretary