

# Chesopeian Colony Civic League Meeting

October 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Beach Ford Dealership by President Nancy May.

Nancy May asked that in the essence of time, because of the special meeting following the general meeting, that attendees be courteous and stick to the agenda for the general meeting..

**Secretary's Report:** Reading of the minutes from 06-25-19 was waived and approved as presented, with the exception of Robert Oliver, who objected to the phrase "The goal is to start construction this year before it gets cold outside." as he said it was not presented at the meeting that way. Bill Nettles (who was not present at the 6-25-19 meeting) 2<sup>nd</sup> the objection. A check of the President's notes and secretary's notes after the meeting verified it was presented that way.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was given by April Brown. Dues paid to-date: 9 for 2018, 166 for 2019, 1 paid \$25 for half of 2019, & 6 for 2020. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Checking account balance:  
Savings account balance:  
Scholarship Fund balance:

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Joan Shoemaker asked if we are billing those homeowners who don't currently live in the Colony. April said she will do a mailing.

## Committee Reports:

- **Security/Block Captains** – We will be saving approximately \$700-\$1,000 by doing digital newsletters going forward, so please make sure your block captain has your email for newsletter delivery. Paper copies will still be available for those who request them. Please let your block captain know if you would like a paper copy. There is one new block captain needed on Apasus Trail. Please let Joan know if you are interested.
- **Website** – No report.
- **Scholarship** – No report at this time. Cheryl Noyes asked if there would be a bucket for donations at the Halloween party. Tina Knight said she would ask Cindy to put one out.
- **Garden Club/Colony Beautification** – Mary Bradley said they put pansies up front. Someone drove over two sprinkler heads and the soaker hose was cut in the back as well and flooded the garden. Both sprinkler heads have been replaced. They will see how fast the pansies grow before removing the white. If anyone driving in or out of the Colony sees any flowers wilting, please let Mary Bradley know so she can go water them right away. There is a hose available now so they don't have to carry buckets of water up there.
- **Entrance maintenance** – Stan was not able to be present due to a family situation, but he did repair the soaker hose before he departed.

- **Halloween** – Cheryl Noyes is in charge of food and volunteers. Party starts at 5 p.m. Volunteers needed to help with set up around 4 p.m. Many are still needed. Cheryl took down names of several people who volunteered at meeting. A few teens have volunteered to decorate for the party.
- **Council of Civic Organizations** – Mary Bradley reported that the mayor and the city council want to be more involved with civic associations. There are now 2 city council members with the organization. They are available to come speak at our meetings, hear concerns and answer questions.
- **Welcome Committee** – Jeanne Baker said the committee has welcomed 9 new families since the last meeting. She noted there are a lot of homes for sale and for rent. Please let her know if you have any information on new neighbors so she can make sure they are added to the roster to receive information and also to be welcomed by the committee.
- **Dredging** – Frank Gurdziel was not present, but the latest update was in the newsletter.
- **Party Shed** – 2 rentals this month, one a yard sale and one an Oktoberfest party for a total of \$40 in income.
- **Directory** – New directories have been printed and distributed with the July newsletter. If you haven't received yours, please let your block captain or Joan Shoemaker know so they can make sure you get copy.

### **Old Business**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July** – April Brown reported that we budget \$3200 each year for the celebration, but we may need to consider increasing that amount because food and costs have gone up and we have gone over budget the last few years. Typically between food and beer donations, we take in between \$1200-\$1400. This year we added a clown for a total of 3 so the children would not have to wait in line as long. We also added a port a potty, so we were slightly over budget. We will talk about raising the budget at the next board meeting. When Halloween and 4<sup>th</sup> of July are on a weekend, typically the costs are higher because more people attend.

### **New Business**

- **Board elections** – There are 2 Board of Directors positions open in January. If you are interested, please submit your name to one of the people on the nominating committee-Mary Bradley, Cindy Hiltz or Cheryl Noyes. Voting will be at the January general meeting.
- **Website** – Robert Oliver said the website was badly out of date. Nancy May noted that the board positions, including website, were volunteers. There has not been a protocol to publish agendas and minutes to the website. Past presidents and secretaries may not have all the past information to bring totally up to date. A suggestion was made to start with current agendas and minutes and move forward instead of trying to backtrack. It was pointed out that minutes and agendas may contain information that needs to be password protected and not available to non-residents (including financial information

for which various board members have received scam requests to obtain). Several attendees, including Tina Knight, Robert Oliver, Bill Nettles, expressed concern about the availability of the information. Hank Noyes pointed out that this, among other things, indicated a need for an update of the by-laws. Mary Bradley offered to take over the website. Scott Wood proposed making the agendas and minutes for the past year available.

- **Miscellaneous non-agenda** – Bill Kennedy wants to know if there is interest in a Chesopiean Colony Yacht Club. Those interested can contact him directly at [billkennedy6@cox.net](mailto:billkennedy6@cox.net) or 757-340-8975. Ann said names, emails and more details need to be given in newsletter when asking for volunteers. April Brown said we have 287 emails registered for the Colony on NextDoor, and that is current the best source to send information. She noted that the city also posts helpful information on that site as well. Tracey Ousley suggested posting the information on how to join NextDoor in the next newsletter. Hank Noyes made a motion to establish a committee to re-write the by-laws and establish protocols. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed with no objection.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The general meeting was followed by a special meeting on the proposed platform. The minutes from that meeting are separate.

The next Civic League meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. at Beach Ford.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Downing  
Secretary