

BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES GENERAL MEETING - February 11, 2019, 6:45 - 7:30 pm

Kempsville Middle School. Attendance: 24

- Heather Brinkerhoff (President) opened the meeting by presenting Roger Farr and Ynez Peterson with gifts and the sincere thanks of the BMECL Board for their committed service, Roger as chair of Neighborhood Watch, and Ynez as chair of the Yard of the Month.
- Sylvia Richendollar (Vice President) led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced Ralph Rosignolo as our speaker. Ralph is the Director of Emergency Services at Sentara Leigh Hospital. He led a short program on “Stop the Bleed” which highlights ways in which citizens can make a life-saving difference in emergency situations where someone is bleeding seriously. We were shown a video which focused on applying pressure, using tourniquets and stuffing wounds.
- Becky Fenska (Treasurer) reported that an annual audit for 2018 has been successfully completed by Betty and David Cunningham and Bernard Kraai Jr, with the assistance of Ann Farr. As of this meeting there are 105 paid memberships for 2019. Currently there is \$ 3,665.11 in the checking account, with all of the 11 neighborhood signs paid for. Becky presented the 2019 budget which was approved unanimously by voice vote.
- The minutes of the last General Meeting were approved as posted on the website.
- Kevin Aviles (Corresponding Secretary) reported that in the communications survey sent out with the request for annual dues, 46 preferred contact by flyers, 53 by email, 15 by Next Door, 2 by Facebook, 1 by Twitter, and 3 by a phone app. With this information a decision has been made by the Board to discontinue posting on Facebook.
- Suzy Reel (Outreach Chair) reported that BMECL is focusing on supporting a Beach Bag program at Providence Elementary School which would provide non-perishable food for 15 “at risk” students.
- Heather Brinkerhoff reporting for Deaner Lawless mentioned that 6 of the 11 neighborhood signs are in place. There is a problem with the mounting brackets for the remaining 5 signs, and a local solution is being sought.
- Ann Farr (Flags & flyers) asked for additional volunteers.
- Joe Camarda (Newcomers) reported that he had welcomed 17 new families to BME in 2018.

- Heather Brinkerhoff shared that the Pleasant Hall property is under contract, but not yet sold. Those present voted to support the writing of a letter by BMECL supporting the purchase of the property by the City Council for use as a museum for the Kempsville Historic District.
- Doug Richendollar (Neighborhood Watch) reported that of the 26 zones in our Civic League, 5 are currently still in need of block captains. He plans a meeting in March for block captains.
- Becky Fenska (Social) shared that there would be a social gathering in April rather than July 4th this year.
- John Baldwin will begin as Chair of Yard of the Month next Sunday with Ynez Peterson remaining on the committee.