

BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 20, 2017 7 PM Place: Kempsville Middle School In attendance: 28

* Dan Adams, President of the BMECL called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

* Officer N.S. Teague of the 4th precinct was present and responded to questions from the floor. 13 to 14 new officers have been added from the Academy recently strengthening the precinct. A new police station is in the planning stages. When asked about gang activity in the precinct, he stated there was no great problem in our area. There is some in the Rosemont/Holland and Princess Anne/Newtown Road areas. There is an increase normally in May as gang members come to the Beach for the summer months, but most don't live here. The Methadone clinic near Arrowhead has been quiet recently. The 2nd & 3rd precincts have far more panhandlers than our precinct.

* An election was held for 4 offices on the BMECL Board. A slate was presented consisting of Susan Mayo (Vice President); Rebecca Fenska (Treasurer); John Baldwin (Recording Secretary) and Kevin Aviles (Corresponding Secretary). There being no nominations from the floor, and no write in candidates, the four were duly elected.

* Kevin Aviles presented a power point of the BMECL website that he has graciously designed, and which is now live at BMECL.yolasite.com. Some concerns were expressed about limiting access to just dues-paying members rather than opening it to the wider community. It was expressed that the website could be a great vehicle for advertising events, and linking block captains with those they are serving. Kevin expressed a desire to protect privacy. More discussion will ensue on access & privacy.

* (Treasurer's Report) Rebecca Fenska reported a balance of \$ 7,471.73 as of March 20th with \$ 414.39 in expenses & \$1,940.22 in deposits since the beginning of 2017. She announced that the books had been audited for 2016.

* John Baldwin presented the BMECL minutes of 1/23/16, which were accepted as summarized.

* Ynez Peterson reported that the Beautification Committee will begin considering houses for Yard of the Month in April and continue through September. Nominations from residents of BME are welcome.

* Susan Mayo reported that a social party is planned for Tuesday night, March 28th at Salvatore's. 30 have signed up so far. The middle section of the restaurant has been reserved. There will be door prizes, and a raffle. Leadership of the Social Committee is transitioning to the leadership of Christi Farr.

* Heather Brinkerhoff reported that the Outreach Committee is involved in gathering supplies for the Beach Bag program to provide meals to the disadvantaged in our area. There is a collection point at her house until Wednesday of this week. Then a collection at Pembroke Mall on Thursday.

* Roger Farr presented a Neighborhood Watch report detailing one assault case on Eastwind Dr.

* Dan Adams was out of town at the last Kempsville Citizen's Advisory Committee when Council member Jessica Abbott was present. Dan has been asked to be on a smaller subcommittee tasked with exploring/expanding bike paths in the Kempsville area.

* Roger Farr reported that the Sign Committee had been informed that the BME proposed sign must be able to withstand winds of 125 mph. As a result the sign will have to have two poles. Its height will be what the property owners feel most comfortable with.

* Rebecca Fenska shared that the Kemp's River Ruby Tuesday which closed recently is being replaced with a Whiskey Kitchen restaurant.

* The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. The next meeting of the BMECL will be on May 15th at 7 pm.