

BELLAMY MANOR ESTATES CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 19, 2018 7 PM Place: Kempsville Middle School Cafeteria In attendance: 21

* Dan Adams, President of the BMECL called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

* John Baldwin introduced Drew Midgette, a teacher at the Kempsville High School Entrepreneur Academy, who in turn introduced 3 students from the Academy - Kayla Bullard, Emma Vevoda and Abby Williams. Each of the students spoke briefly about why they chose to enroll in the Academy and their focus of study. Each is resident in the Bellamy Manor neighborhoods. Drew then gave a 15-minute presentation on the Academy which has been in operation at Kempsville High School for the past 3 years. There are currently Freshman, Sophomores & Juniors enrolled, and next year it will expand to all 4 high school years with approximately 500 enrolled. The Academy has been successful in retaining Kempsville area students who might otherwise have enrolled in other Virginia Beach Academies. There has already been, and will be another "Pitch Night" next June when students will present their ideas for entrepreneurial businesses for local funding.

* Dan Adams presented a slate of candidates as officers for the next two years: Roger Berry for Vice President; Becky Fenska for Treasurer; Kevin Aviles for Corresponding Secretary; and John Baldwin for Recording Secretary. Sylvia Richendollar was nominated from the floor for Vice President by Ann Farr, seconded by John Baldwin. Sylvia, Becky, Kevin and John were elected.

* Corresponding Secretary Kevin Aviles reported that the BMECL website is open and active, and any feedback is welcome.

* Neighborhood Watch - Roger Farr reported that there have only been 5 reported crimes in our neighborhood in 2018. 1/16 - nonviolent family abuse on Edwin Drive; 2/13 - larceny from a building on Edwin Drive; 3/30 - larceny from a motor vehicle on Stockbridge Drive; 7/8 - destruction of property on Brookbury Court; and 10/14 - domestic assault on Edwin Drive.

* Signs - Becky Fenska reported that all of the Bellamy Manor Estates signs have now been purchased. They will be delivered during the next two weeks, and the plan is to have all of them installed by the end of the year. Purchase of all the signs and platforms were within budget. There are some problems still to be worked out for a sign at the intersection of Edwin and Providence.

* Welcome/Hospitality Committee Welcome/Hospitality Committee Welcome/Hospitality Committee Welcome/Hospitality Committee - Joe Camarda reported that he has welcomed 18 new families to Bellamy Manor Estates since March.

* Traffic Calming - Sylvia Richendollar reported that traffic data showed an average speed on Edwin Drive of 27 MPH on August 27th and 29 MPH on Timberlake in November. The average speed measured must be over 31 MPH before further steps would be taken to calm traffic by the city. Several people present expressed concern that these figures did not accurately represent current activity on these two roads. For now, Sylvia stated, the only things which can be done are putting up signs and traffic ticketing.

* Treasurer's Report - Becky Fenska reported a balance of \$ 2,591.54 as of 11/19/18. Total expenses to this date for 2018 are \$ 4,599.02, with income and unused portions of advances of \$ 3,525.45. Income for the BMECL Neighborhood Picnic was \$ 586.

* Ynez Peterson reported that the Yard of the Month awards have been completed for 2018. *(Note: John Baldwin will be assuming the chair of this committee in March, with Ynez remaining on the committee)*

* Social committee - Becky Fenska reported that there were lots of young families at the Halloween event.

* The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the BMECL will be in January.