

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Erma Gluck at 7:42pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops as well as those killed and injured in the Boston bombings. Other officers present were Martin Bailey – Vice President, Carol Bedell – Membership Secretary, W. Paul Ziems – Treasurer, Kathrine Soscia – Corresponding Secretary and Bob Gluck - Sergeant-At-Arms.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Erma Gluck welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Erma just came from Town Hall for the Town of Brookhaven Round Table with all Civic leaders where she pushed for the completion of the Davis Town Meeting House. She thanked the council for not storing 'Sandy cars' at the UA property and asked that the approvals for the UA property be expedited. The Lions club will hold a Chinese Auction in the Old Fire House on May 10th. Tickets for the grand prize raffle can be purchased from Andrew. Dental center now open at Elsie Owens center. CDC Survey going out to 700 households with Civic membership applications. TOB is holding a shredding event at Town Hall Apr. 26 & 27, 8-2pm.

Vice President Martin Bailey warned members that it's that time of year when people come around door-to-door selling things including 'home improvements' – watch out for scammers and call in anything suspicious.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer W. Paul Ziems reports that the balance in the treasury as of March 31, 2013 is \$4,099.46. Paul also updated the membership on the last BNL meeting – 2nd annual Earth Day event. Suffolk County now has more people than Nassau County, but 80% of houses have cesspools causing pollution to the waterways. Breach on Fire Island caused by Super storm Sandy may stay as it has helped to clean up the bay water.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Carol Bedell reports we have 89 paid members but we need more. Please renew your membership! Be sure to pick up your membership card.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Kathrine Soscia informed everyone that we have 5 or 6 applications for our scholarship and candidates will be interviewed by the Exec Bd on May 8th.

PLANNING & LAND USE

None

HIGHWAY REPORTS

None

NEWSLETTER

Latest issue just went out.

POLICE

New Commanding Officer at 6th Precinct – Thomas Palmieri, and new Deputy Inspector George T. Fasanelli. Erma was invited to meet the new Commanding Officer and spoke to him about the homeless at the UA property that will need to be removed prior to demolition of the building.

WEBSITE

Visit us at www.coramcivic.org for all our latest updates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Civic is in need of a new Recording Secretary. Anyone interested please speak to Erma.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Michael Lonergan Superintendent of Longwood School District gave a presentation and spoke about the upcoming 2013-2014 School Budget Vote. He wants a vigorous program to prepare students for college and the work world after graduation. School Board meeting Apr 24th to adopt budget. Public hearing May 9th. Budget Vote and election on May 21st. The district has 40,000 registered voters usually only 4,000 come out to vote – hope to get more. The district has 9,267 students at present. Visit our website at www.coramcivic.org for a copy of the draft version of Dr. Lonergan's 2013-2014 budget presentation.

Maryanne Douglas – Chair of the Davis House Committee shared drawings of the proposed layout of the 1st and 2nd floors. Explained there is still much work to be done and it will cost a lot of money. The Committee is incorporating as a non-profit and forming a 501(c)(3) to be able to accept donations and fundraise to help cover the costs. Maryanne raffled off the two quilts.

OPEN FLOOR TO MEMBERSHIP

No discussion.

50/50 DRAWING

Tonight's 50/50 was drawn by Erma Gluck. Winner, Tom Lyons, took home \$21.50.

NEXT MEETING Wednesday, May 29, 2013. **Guest:** Supervisor Ed Romaine.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Martin Bailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm. Seconded by Kathrine Soscia. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted
Kathrine Soscia
Corresponding Secretary