

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

July 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Martin Bailey, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Kathrine Soscia, Carol Bedell, Jean Hartling and Bob Gluck.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Erma Gluck announced:

- A reminder, from the 6th Police Precinct that residents should be on the alert for the telephone scam claiming to be the IRS collecting unpaid taxes. The IRS does not use the phone for this.
- The summer music series continues at St. Anthony's in Rocky Point Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00PM and Cedar Beach Thursday, July 31st at 7:30PM.
- The Civic Association 50/50 helps support student scholarship and many activities of the Civic. Members are encouraged to participate. Donations of food pantry items are also in need and may be brought to meetings.
- Phase I of Wincoram Commons is in progress and plans for phase II are under development. The Smart Growth award for this project was presented to the Civic in the category of Housing Choices. Ideas for businesses and restaurants to attract to this area are needed. The membership suggested a number of restaurants they would like to see located here.

Vice President: Martin Bailey reported that the local Cub Scout troop is looking for a service project in the Coram area appropriate for Scouts ages eight to ten years old. Ideas from the community are welcome.

Treasurer & BNL Delegate: Paul Ziems stated the treasury balance at the end of June to be \$2561.65. The Brookhaven National Lab "Summer Sunday's" program will complete its last program for the season on August 3rd with "Atom Smashing Fun". Families welcome, no charge and no reservation needed. Nora Sundin of BNL was present and mentioned that group tours may be schedule for groups of 10-25 people.

Newsletter & Davis House Committee: Chris Reilly reported the current issue newsletter has been sent out and is also available online. Weekly "Community Updates" are e-mailed to keep the membership current on area information. Maryanne Douglas requested vendors for the Davis House 'Yard Sale and Craft Fair' September 13th. Flyers were distributed. Upon completion, the Lester H. Davis House will have a history room and rooms for meetings and seminars.

Membership: Carol Bedell stated the current membership total was 131.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Representatives from PSEG/LI, who were confirmed to give a presentation at this meeting failed to show. Present was **Legislator John M. Kennedy, Jr.** of the 12th legislative district, who graciously agreed to share information from a meeting he attended with David M. Daly, President of PSEG/LI. Mr. Kennedy discussed the need for better storm restoration, PSEG's long-range plan in progress, and concerns with rate increases.

A general question and answer period followed. Members had questions regarding redevelopment of several properties in Middle Island on Route 25. **Gail Lynch-Bailey**, president of the **Middle Island Civic Association**, was present and volunteered response. She discussed areas which were within the Middle Country Road Plan and part of the "Blight to Light" program. Approvals for development are in place; major tenants are needed.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 winner was Luanne Mannix who took home \$18.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Martin Bailey made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Kathrine Soscia. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary