

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**General Membership Meeting**

**October 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer for our troops and for victims of the Ebola virus. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Martin Bailey, Chris Reilly, Carol Bedell, Jean Hartling, and Bob Gluck.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President: Erma Gluck** announced the Middle Island Veterans Day Commemoration at Bartlett Pond Park, November 11th at 11:00AM. The October 50/50 funds will go to help a needy Coram family at Thanksgiving. Wincoram Commons project is on schedule; information on progress is included in the current newsletter. Civic officer elections will take place in November.

**Vice President: Martin Bailey** introduced Mr. Michael Sergreti of Astoria Federal Savings, present for the meeting. The Scouts will hold a Toy Drive at the annual Civic Tree Lighting ceremony on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Tonight they provided a display for the Scouts annual fundraiser; this event helps cover costs of trips and activities.

**Treasurer/BNL Delegate (Paul Ziems):** There is a balance of \$2,410.45 as of the end of September. Funds are used to provide the newsletter, annual student scholarship and a donation to the Davis Town Meeting House. The recent Citizens Advisory Council meeting at Brookhaven National Lab dealt with nuclear science and technology, specifically projects which provide clean nuclear energy.

**Police Liaison: Sergeant Marchan** was present and gave update of work along Rt. 25 corridor during the past few weeks. Good progress has been made in responding to area concerns and numerous arrests have been made.

**Middle Island Civic President Gail Bailey** noted that tips given to police officers help in addressing concerns of the area Task Force and the police presence is most appreciated. Examples of things still needing work are repair to thirty-five non-working street lights and missing sidewalks, both of which are safety issues.

**Davis House Committee Chair:** Maryanne Douglas noted the October 25<sup>th</sup> Marking Ceremony of the Davis Town Meeting House conducted by the Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century Long Island Chapter. She also announced that the Davis Town Meeting House Society has received 501(c)(3) status. Donations are now eligible for tax deduction. Fund raising may begin for renovations to the interior of the house.

### **CANDIDATES NIGHT:**

**Congressman Tim Bishop and State Senator Lee Zeldin** were introduced and each gave a five-minute presentation followed by a question and answer period. Questions raised by the membership included job growth created by research at the Brookhaven Lab, Common Core and educational issues, equality pay for women, keeping jobs in the United States, tax code and penalties for those companies shipping jobs overseas, the Affordable Care Act.

### **50/50 DRAWING:**

The 50/50 winner was won by Civic Board member Robert Gluck (Sergeant-At-Arms) who donated the thirty-one dollars back to the Civic.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jean Hartling**

**Recording Secretary**