

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

April 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Chris Reilly, Carol Bedell, Kathrine Soscia, Paul Ziems, and Jean Hartling.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Erma Gluck announced: 1) Available information regarding the Coram Neighborhood Block program. 2) The Great Brookhaven Cleanup Saturday, May 16th. Civic members may sign up ant the end of the meeting. 3) The "Community Walks for Wellness" sponsored by the HRC Community Health Center on May 4th at Diamond in the Pines Park from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. 4) A tax grievance seminar on April 28th, 6:00 to 8:30 PM sponsored by Councilwoman Connie Kepert. 5) Spring and summer programs sponsored at Heritage Trust in Mt. Sinai. 6) The Suffolk County Police Officer Civil Service test to be given on June 13th. 7) The TOB Senior Citizen Repair Program and 8) Operation Medicine Cabinet.

Corresponding Secretary Kathrine Soscia reported on 1) availability of an informal tax grievance review from the TOB 2) A letter from Councilwoman Connie Kepert requesting pothole repair during the 2015 season 3) Longwood School Board recognition of Civic Associations on May 7th at the High School, 7:00 PM 4) Letter from TOB Supervisor Romaine petitioning NYS for an intervener in the proposal to increase electric rates.

Treasurer and BNL Delegate Paul Ziems reported a balance of \$2642.76 plus \$500.00 in reserve for scholarship. Completed cleanup of Peconic River chemical spills inside the BNL property, including removal on invasive species and restoration of native species.

Membership Secretary Carol Bedell reported eight new members at this meeting for a total of 116 for the year.

Newsletter: Chris Reilly reported the Newsletter was sent out electronically this quarter. The weekly e-mailed "Community Updates" provide timely notice of current events.

Davis House Committee Chair: Maryanne Douglas reported the Davis House Society will hold its Annual Plant Sale on May 23rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (rain date, May 24th). Funds will be used to help restore the house, which when complete, will be used for a museum, community center, education, arts and cultural activities.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. Michael Lonergan, Longwood School District Superintendent gave an overview and provided a brochure outlining the proposed budget to be voted on May 19th. The budget is within the tax cap and the district maintains an AA+ credit rating.

Dr. Lonergan responded to questions about programs to be restored in the proposed budget, number of students opting out of current state testing, and partnerships with BNL and Stony Brook University. School board President Daniel Tomaszewski provided information the Coalition For A Brighter Tomorrow and Caithness Power Plant.

Louise Bruno, Volunteer with TOB Dress for Success Program explained this world-wide program which focuses on the economic development of disadvantaged women. The program provides seminars, help with resume development and interview skills and clothing. TOB provides space only for the program. Donations, fundraising events and volunteers provide for its operation.

Civic Members in attendance raised questions regarding the McDonald's at Rt. 112 and Pine Road (traffic, garbage, lighting, buffer zone). Members were encouraged to attend the TOB hearing on this scheduled for May 21st.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Mel Silverman, who took home \$22.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

NEXT MEETING – May 27th Guest: Councilwoman Connie Kepert

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary