

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

General Membership Meeting

February 23, 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, Martin Bailey, Chris Reilly, Carol Bedell, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, Kathrine Soscia and Jean Hartling.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Erma Gluck announced: 1) The Wednesday, February 25th meeting of the Medford Civic Association regarding the proposed OTB casino to be located in Medford. Meeting will take place at the Medford Fire House at 7:30 PM. 2) A listing of volunteer opportunities in the area available to those interested. 3) Volunteers are welcome to become involved in Coram Civic activities or as officers.

Vice President: Martin Bailey reported that Cub Scout Pack 64 is collecting food for its annual Food Drive. Donations may be brought to the Civic meeting or to the new Coram Fire House (rear door). All donations will be used in the Coram area.

Treasurer and BNL delegate: Paul Ziems reported the treasury at the end of January to be \$2,607.91. Five hundred dollars will be reserved for the annual Civic scholarship to be presented in June. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 30th. There was no January BNL meeting. Site clean up is at the 80% level.

Membership: Carol Bedell announced there are 60 members signed up to date for 2015.

Police Officer O'Neil of the 6th Precinct gave an overview of incidents during the past month, which have declined from the same period last year. A drug testing kit is available free to parents and others from the precinct headquarters. The kits have been provided by a not-for-profit organization. Excess and outdated drugs may be deposited in drop boxes at all precincts (Operation Medicine Cabinet). Crime prevention information will be provided to all businesses along the Rt. 25 corridor.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Assemblyman Steven Englebright provided an Albany update which included the budget which is due by statute by April 1st, the process of changing chairs of committees, educational issues, and his thoughts on charter schools and testing. Assemblyman Englebright will be the new chair of the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Michael Edelkind, Customer Service Manager at Peoples United Bank, Rt. 112 Coram, was introduced. He has joined as a Civic corporate sponsor.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Carol Bedell who donated the \$24.00 to the Civic treasury.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary