

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

May 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) Recognition of Coram Civic by the Longwood School District for outstanding contributions to the community. 2) The Town of Brookhaven "Dress for Success Program" at Town Hall. Donations of business wear for the program are needed. 3) An notice from Councilwoman Jane Bonner for the concert series "Safe Summer Music" taking place on Thursdays, July 9th to August 6th from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. 4) Art exhibit and sale sponsored by the Yaphank Historical Society, Sunday June 7th, 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Swezey Avey House. 5) The Heritage Center "Summer Adventures" for children pre-k to six from June 29th to July 21st. 6) Suffolk County Police Department "Operation Medicine Cabinet". Old, unused medicines may be taken to the 6th precinct for disposal. 7) Supervisor Romaine's Roundtable discussion with leaders of community groups. Civic board members will attend and the membership is asked for input. Certificates were presented to members who participated in the recent Great Brookhaven Clean Up.

Treasurer and BNL Delegate Paul Ziems reported a balance of \$2652.37 plus \$500.00 in reserve for scholarship. The BNL "Summer Sundays" program will run July 12, 19, 26 and August 2. These programs are free to the public.

Membership Secretary Carol Bedell reported 126 members to date.

Davis House Committee: Chris Reilly reported the Davis House Society Annual Plant Sale on May 23rd. Proceeds to be used to help restore the building interior to an 1860-65 period theme. Six new members joined the Society at the plant sale.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Councilwoman Connie Kepert gave an update of projects in progress in the area:

1. Wincoram Commons, Coram (176 rental units, main street, community center and restaurant at Rt. 112 entrance)
2. AVR Meadows, Yaphank (mixed use with boulevard design, business and rental units)
3. Sandy Hills, Middle Island (for veterans and by Concern for Independent Living; ground has been broken)
4. The Middle Country Road Land Use plan is now in rezoning phase four.
5. The Carmans River Preservation and Protection plan. Acquisitions have been made along the river to reduce amount of septic systems.
6. TOB recycling program is now up to number seven.
7. The blighted Island Squire has been demolished by the TOB.
8. Complaints about an RV parking in business lots is being addressed.
9. Problems with paving along Rts. 25 and 112 are being discussed with the State DOT, which is responsible for them.

Questions and concerns open to the floor included the need for better bus transportation along Rt. 112 and Middle Country Road, attracting businesses to Coram, cleaning up blighted areas, addressing quality of life issues.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Sue Capek, who took home \$24.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING – June 22nd **Guest:** County Executive Steve Bellone who will award the Civic Scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary