

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

January 16, 2020

Before the meeting started, Dave introduced our first speaker, Margo Savage, representing the Special Olympics. She gave an overview of the program and mentioned that all athletes have dental and health coverage which is funded by the Polar Plunge that was started 28 years ago. This year, the Polar Plunge takes place on February 7 and 8 and accounts for 25% of the budget. People can volunteer or donate by going to PolarPlunge.com.

Dave presented our second speaker, Linda Young, who is from the Census Bureau. She gave information about the census which is a government mandate requiring a population count to be done every ten years. She explained that this determines the amount a state gets in Federal funds and the number of Representatives it has in the House. The census is also used to plan for businesses and schools as well as roads which might need expanding due to population growth. She mentioned that people who are frequently undercounted are infants and seniors where numbers are needed for schools, hospitals and services. The surveys go out in mid-March and can be returned by mail, online or phone. If there is no response, someone has to go door to door from the Census Bureau and jobs are becoming available for those 18 and over. People hired are able to work nearby, get reimbursed for mileage, and work part or full time. The job pays \$21.50 per hour in Virginia Beach, and there is a 3-day paid training. You should put on the application as many hours as you think you can work per week from March to the end of summer/fall. They will begin hiring in January to start in mid-March. Pamphlets about applying were handed out to those interested.

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

In Mike's absence, Carol gave the following Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/19:

Business Money Market-PMCL	\$58,631.74
Civic League Checking	3,485.18
Savings CD	<u>35,699.89</u>
Total	\$97,816.81

The budget will be in the February newsletter, and we will vote on it at the Pot Luck dinner. We are in need of two volunteers to audit and two members agreed to do this.

Old Business –

Jackie Savage, our new Board member, was installed.

Median Improvements – Jeanette gave Garden Club information and said that McDonalds Garden Center has been chosen to do the work as they will amend the soil and make sure everything is just right. The plant material is still being figured out due to plant availability as the durable 2 foot high flint

nandina is hard to find. Maintenance has not been fully discussed at this time. The price quoted for the median except for the Cathedral Drive area was \$5,700. Work will begin as soon as the plants are available.

Kate's memorial bench and tree dedication will be this Spring.

New Business –

The next Civic League meeting is the Pot Luck dinner on Friday, February 21, at Old Donation Episcopal Church. They have asked us to park at Sentara across the street. Our tentative schedule for the rest of the year is on our website.

Concerns – Noise and speed on Cheswick and other streets. We need someone to head a committee to start the process of getting a speed table put in. A member volunteered to look into this. Another concern was buses parked in the neighborhood. The city encourages drivers to park on city property. The Civic League can call the city if they are obstructing traffic's vision. Pot holes and things wrong with roads can be reported to the city.

A member asked if there were any updates on the sewer line replacement plan. This has been delayed because of the loss of employees in Building 2.

Another member asked if we could have the recycling person come and speak again. We will try to get them back perhaps in May or September. In March, we will have an elder law attorney as a guest speaker.

Officer Treadway gave some crime statistics for the neighborhood for 2019 which were low and involved mostly motor vehicle larcenies. He encouraged everyone to be diligent about remembering to lock their cars.

We invited Officer Treadway to the August 4 National Night Out and, hopefully, he will be able to bring the horses as well.

A member noted that there are block security positions open in our neighborhood. We do not have a coordinator in the Meadows, but we do have neighborhood email and Nextdoor.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.