

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

January 18, 2024

Jackie Savage introduced our guest speakers, Mike Freeman, Deputy Security Coordinator, Emergency Management with the City of Virginia Beach, and Joe Kaberro, Security Specialist. Mike Freeman started his presentation by mentioning the fact that in 2006, the FBI realized there were deficiencies in making the public aware of active shooters and each district office was asked to create a program. This evolved from shootings to active threats with the outcome being that in 2019, a central security office was needed. Mr. Freeman presented a graph showing that this is a concern that will continue and there is a need to train people to guard against it. The Run-Hide-Fight training can make a difference and it is better to have a plan and not need it than to have no plan. Of importance is situational awareness – being aware of your surroundings and having a survival mindset – knowing what you would do if you were threatened. Mr. Freeman played a video which is available on [FBI.gov/survive](https://www.fbi.gov/survive) and on YouTube. Key points were to look for all exits and to know that a moving target is harder to hit. Also important is to empty your hands and keep them up. To hide, lock the door with all locks and barricade it with something hard and dense to slow down a bullet. If you are discovered, you may have to fight by grabbing anything you can. Also, apply direct pressure to any injuries. After the video, Mike Freeman went through the scenarios with the membership and questions were answered. Mr. Freeman gave his contact information as mdfreeman@vbgov.com. Mr. Joe Kaberro also gave valuable information as to how to not be a victim, have a plan, and have a situational survival mindset.

Jackie Savage called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November meeting and it was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Carol Moore gave the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023 as follows:

Checking Account - \$21,896.38 Savings Account - \$50,823.13 Total - \$72,719.51

Carol Moore mentioned that the budget for 2024 was in the November newsletter and online copies were made available. There was a change in the budget under Administration because the VBCCO dues are \$50.00 instead of \$25.00. A motion was made to accept the budget as amended and it was seconded and approved.

Swearing in of new Pembroke Meadows Board Officers – Jackie Savage conducted the swearing in of Joseph Savage-Morrison as President, Anna Schweitzer as First Vice President, Marge Wynn as Second Vice President, and Beverly Wilson as Secretary. Mike Moore, Treasurer, was absent.

Pet Waste Stations Update – Marge Wynn reported that they are being emptied now every other week instead of every week because they are being used less in the colder weather. Marge Wynn said there are now four stations and requested suggestions for where to put future ones.

Community Garden – Jackie Savage said the committee met with the principal who has retired and they plan to meet with the new principal when they hear back from her. A slide presentation has been sent and anyone wanting to be involved with the community garden should contact Celine Vanneste. Someone has already donated a bench for our community garden.

Bylaws Update – Carol Moore is still working on them and she said that any input would be appreciated. The current bylaws are on the website.

Park Updates – Cheryl Douglas reported that the Park Foundation benches were not delivered and we were refunded the money. The Park Foundation meets in February and we will request two park benches near the tot lot.

Upcoming Events – January 24th is our second annual Skating Party from 5:30 to 9. All members who have paid 2024 dues will receive free entrance, skate rental and pizza. Dues can be paid on the night of the skating party. February 16th at 6 pm at Old Donation Church is our annual Civic League Pot Luck Dinner. Prizes and drawings are all included for members with paid dues.

New Business – A member asked a question about Cambria Street regarding people trying to pass them while they were driving the slower speed limit. The Civic League was asked to put something in the newsletter. Suggestions made were to call the non-emergency number to have a car patrol and also to request a speed trailer and signs.

Cheryl Douglas mentioned that paving was to start but they can only do this with temperatures above 38 degrees. As of this time, only St. James Court is done. Jackie Savage said that information on paving is in the newsletter. Phase 2 will start on Bishop Dr. and will begin with the sewer. Notices will be sent out to residents on the streets involved. Also, fire hydrants are changing out to the opposite side of the street and they will be painted after testing with the color on top indicating the pressure. People with concerns about hydrants should reach out to their councilman.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded with all in favor. Jackie Savage adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.