

Pembroke Meadows Civic League

General Membership Meeting

May 16, 2024

Jackie Savage welcomed our guest speaker, Joash Schulman, District 9 City Council member. Mr. Schulman indicated that he represents all districts even though there are political boundaries. He gave some information about himself such as he has lived in Virginia Beach for eighteen years and owns a business which sublets for small businesses. He said he is available and accountable and citizens can call, text or email him. His phone number is on the city website. Mr. Schulman spoke on the city's budget and the reduction in the real estate tax but recognizes that assessments have grown. After presenting valuable information about various things of interest, he asked if there were any questions. Many members had various questions on different topics which Mr. Schulman answered to the best of his knowledge.

Jackie Savage, standing in for President Joseph Savage Morrison, called the meeting to order at 7:57 pm.

Treasurer's Report -

In Mike Moore's absence, Carol Moore gave the Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/24 as follows:

Checking Account - \$6,657.68 Savings Account - \$50,902.14 Total - \$57,559.82

She mentioned that the Civic League is now receiving \$5,069.48 a month for the cell tower. Also, \$35,000 has been given from the budget for pool support. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report with all in favor.

Jackie Savage asked if there were any questions about the minutes from the last meeting. There were none and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written and all were in favor.

Yard Sale – Cheryl Douglas reported that 27 people signed up and many others also participated. The weather was great and everyone did pretty well. There were no issues without the paper map as everyone used the one online. The only problem was that some areas where the construction was were blocked. She gave kudos to Clif Furedy, our webmaster, who created the online map on our website.

Pet Waste Stations – Steve Wynne said that keeping the bags in is still a challenge. They thought they came up with a plan but it only worked for a short time. They are still working on a better way to do this. They are also looking for other places to put additional stations and a suggestion was to put one on Cathedral Drive.

Tides Game – Cheryl Douglas said she has 25 people signed up so far. Members pay \$5.00 per ticket which includes food and the Civic League is paying for the rest. We are asking for reservations as we can only have 100 people. We have the second seating and people can go to the picnic area or stay in their

seat. Also mentioned is that you will have a free ticket to ride the Tide which you can get on by Newtown Road. The date is July 27 at 6:30 pm.

Pool Update – Jackie Savage reported that the pool is doing resurfacing and opening with a pancake breakfast at 10 am Saturday, May 25, for members.

Civic League Website – Carol Moore said that Mike Moore, Treasurer, had set up Square in order to pay dues on the website. The other system was costing almost what the dues were so we are now using Square which is much cheaper.

Community Garden – We had a meeting and are moving forward as the church had questions that we needed to provide answers for. There is a Facebook page for the community garden and you can contact Celine Vanneste for information. Hopefully, we will be moving ahead soon and Old Donation Church is looking forward to working with us. We will have a 60 ft. by 60 ft. square plot and we are looking at getting a social media person to put our progress on our Facebook page. We need an attorney to draw up a contract between the Civic League and the church. We will send Clif Furedy a link to the Facebook page to put on our Civic League website. We are putting in a well, pump and fence. We have fence boards costing \$80.00. We will start with 13-14 beds and will need volunteers to help build the fence and beds. We will also build a 3 ft. tall picket type fence to mark the space. We will take donations for benches, etc.

New Business – We are in need of a newsletter editor as Jackie Savage has been doing this so far. The newsletters go out September through May except for December and there is one in July for National Night Out. We also need a distributor/coordinator as the Prices need to step back. There are 27 newsletter drops to make. The coordinator would need to take the newsletter to the printer and pick them up by Thursday before 1 pm. The newsletters are already divided up by deliverer and you would just need to take the newsletters to each deliverer's house. If you are interested, please let us know.

National Night Out – National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6. Some vendors are set up already. We will have fire, rescue, police and other community partners come out. The pool is open to all. Anyone interested in partnering with Jackie Savage, please let us know. Cheryl Douglas volunteered to help reach out to community partners. Carol Moore also does a lot of shopping for the event and might need help. We will have face painting and balloon people. The event starts at 6 pm and ends around 9 pm.

Email Questions – Clif Furedy said Cox transferred email to Yahoo and changed the way the email list is sent out. He is not receiving feedback like he had under Cox and said if anyone is not receiving email to let him know.

Pet Lost and Found – Gerry Richter reported on the Pet Lost and Found. She said most people are putting ID on pets. The Animal Control takes animals with no ID. She said to call her, Animal Control and check Nextdoor if you have lost a pet.

Waterways – Clean the Bay Day is June 1 from 9 am to noon. Jeff Brown mentioned that if you have yard cleanup, you can bag it and bring it to the park and they will take it then. He said it is getting better

as there is very little trash to pick up. There is a vacancy on Lake Pembroke. Anyone living on the lake who wants to volunteer should contact Jeff Brown. Cheryl Douglas made the comment on how fortunate we are to have such an active Civic League and that we always have great participation.

Sewer /Water Construction – Any questions, please email pmcl.president@gmail.com and he can provide the email of the person at Public Utilities.

Enforcement Concerns – Contact Code Enforcement and go online and fill out the form. The Civic League cannot do anything unless it is a neighborhood problem.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. Jackie Savage adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.