**LAKE SHORES CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: January 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m. (social), 7:30 p.m. (meeting) Meeting Room 6

of the Bayside Recreation Center. Sixteen neighbors signed in. Three neighbors did not sign in.

Date of next General Meeting: March 28, 2017

**Our Purpose:**

The purpose of this organization shall be to bring together for mutual benefit, those persons who are interested in civic betterment of any kind. It shall be operated along democratic lines, having no political affiliation, and being non-sectarian in the matter of religion

**Opening**

Our President, Paul Berryman opened the meeting.

Mr. Frank Pogue led us in the Pledge of Allegiance then delighted us with a joke.

**Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker was Shannon Laymon-Pecoraro, Attorney at Law, with Hook Law Center.

www.HookLawCenter.com

The presentation was *Legal Power for Seniors*:

Long-Term Care Planning

Veterans Benefits

Medicaid

Medicare

Social Security

Hospital Discharge Planning

Estate, Trust, and Tax Planning

Financial Investment, Annuity and Insurance Planning

Estate and Trust Administration and Probate

Planning for Family Members with Special Needs

Guardianships and Conservatorships

Dispute Resolution

**Christmas Party at the Brinkmans**

In November, $100.00 was approved for the party.

$89.14 was spent for food.

We had a great evening, eleven adults and four children attended.

**Treasurer’s Financial Report**

Balance on November 30, 2016 = $956.38

Dues Deposits = $25.00

Balance on December 31, 2016 = 981.38

**Neighborhood Watch**

Rick attended the Citizens’ Advisory Meeting (CAC) on January 19 at Williams Farm.

Awards presented to Citizen Volunteers – Middle School students volunteer 400, 500, 600 hours

Recent crime statistics

Knocking on doors, shooting through the door, two fatalities.

Detectives apprehended the individuals.

No concern for our area.

Use extra caution when answering the door.

Vehicle larceny – Gifts stolen from unlocked vehicles.

In Lake Shores, our main problem is vehicle larceny.

95 percent larcenies deterred by locking doors of vehicles.

Report of vans dropping off individuals from midnight to 5:00 a.m.

Drivers are doing wheelies in yards. ‘

Neighbors are advised to get the license plate number; report to Police

Difficult to drive in or out of the area in front of Shelton Park School.

The Police and the School Board met in December.

Results will be available in about two months.

Drivers back out into road; ignore stop sign.

The line of sight onto Independence Blvd. is now clear, though more trees must be cut.

Our neighbor reports a lottery scam.

Winner can collect $480,000, not to tell anyone.

The letter was mailed from New York with the address in California.

The caller requests personal info.

We must all be alert to this scam.

**Fireworks**

Best to report fireworks to the police non-emergency number, not on NextDoor.

**Adopt a Street**

As Jack will be away, Jeanne Marie will bring the grabbers, bags, and sign-up sheet.

We will meet on Saturday, January 28, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pump House on Jack Frost Road.

**Old Business**

We enjoyed Santa on December 16.

Two families present this evening won our Christmas Lights Contest.

The award checks were given to the winners.

The Christmas Lights Contest was in three categories: Reason for the Season, Happy Holidays, Festival of Lights.

**New Business**

A motion was made to not read the minutes from the General Meeting on November 15 – approved and seconded.

Recommend we invite someone from Code Enforcement to speak at our meeting in March on what is allowed on or property.

All present are invited to suggest a speaker for our meeting in March.

Construction on Shenstone – re-building on the first point of land

Bay-Front Advisory Committee Meeting:

Discussed community signs – a Committee follows City guidelines.

Lake Shores posts and signs are allowed as they have been in place since 1975.

New community signs must be monument signs.

The Virginia Beach Fire Department will hire 35 new firefighters and train as Basic EMTs.

EMTs now are trained as advanced EMT qualified.

We are requested to contact our Mayor and City Council to oppose the reduction in certification.

**Nominating Committee**

Terms end at the end of July.

The nominating committee will bring the names to our meeting in March.

President

First Vice-President

Second Vice-President – the position has been vacant for four years

Secretary

Treasurer

Three Trustees

Our Civic League must be visible and recognizable to the City.

Our by-laws allow our membership in the Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations with payment of dues of $25.00 from our Treasury.

Membership gives us a stronger voice with a direct link to City Council, especially re: the noise on Northampton Blvd.

Parks & Recreation: Visit a Rec Center, tour the facility, receive a free five-day membership, classes are free.

Public Libraries: Notary services are available at Meyera E. Oberndorf Central Library and branch libraries. ‘

Code Enforcement: The office is understaffed. Contact Inspector Vann.

A motion was made to adjourn – approved and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanne Marie Macdonald*