**LAKE SHORES CIVIC LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Shelton Park Elementary School.

Nine neighbors signed in. Date of our next General Meeting is March 25, 2025.

**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

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, & Welcome**

President Diane called to order & welcomed all.

Diane invited us to join in the Pledge of Allegiance then introduced our guest speaker.

**Guest Speaker – Ashton Holliday-Goulart**



Ashton spoke about AREC: Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension Centers

1444 Diamond Springs Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-3315

**https://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/arec/hampton-roads.html**

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AREC has 230 active volunteers including Master Gardeners: **VBMG.org**

Master Gardeners reached 84,000 people.

The population of Virginia Beach is 450,000.

Master Gardeners are on historical sites, have youth programs such as Ready, Set, Grow, provide pesticide education, & have one orientation per year.

The next orientation will be in September or October.

Volunteers are community based.

Ashton is involved in well water testing program testing for heavy metals & bacteria.

Re: Climate change & flooding ~ Mitigate & landscape

AREC has community scientists.

One current project is community gardening.

AREC has demonstration gardens, arboretum, educational landscaping.

Plants at AREC are labeled with signs.

The Annual Plant Sale is the first weekend in May offering ornamentals, containers, veggies, etc.

The Fall Plant Sale is more educational.

AREC partners with the Butterfly Society.

A good topic for March is Preparing Your Garden.

Recommend we leave the leaves as leaves help pollinators.

**Secretary Report**

Minutes: Secretary Jeanne Marie read portions of the minutes from our last meeting held on

November 19, 2024.

Diane moved to accept the minutes.

As no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved. .

Communications: Jeanne Marie reported no new communications.

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Dodie read the Treasurer’s Report.

Account balance on 11/19/24 was $1904.50.

$3.00 in donations were made to put towards our new signs.

$20.00 in dues were collected at the November meeting.

No expenses were incurred in November or December.

Current balance is $1927.50 of which $314.00 is for our new signs.

$1927.50

- 314.00 sign fund

$1613.50 – remaining balance

Diane moved to accept the report.

As no additions or corrections, the report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Virginia Beach Council of Civic Organizations (VBCCO)**

Second VP Dave: Our $50.00 dues are due.

Last dues payment was on January 15, 2024.

The speaker for VBCCO cancelled.

The presentation covered cyber security, phishing, email.

**Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC) – Third Precinct**

Trustee Rick: Information at the meeting re: cyber security

Use common sense.

Scammers target the elderly.

Many trust info on Internet.

According to Captain Elliott, youth crime is up in our area & in Virginia, especially ages 15-25.

Vehicle larceny numbers are rising.

A vehicle was stolen from a parking lot on Shore Drive.

Police reports in all Precincts are typed into the Portal.

**Adopt a Street**

Coordinator Jack: We meet on Saturday, February 15, at 9:00 a.m. at the Pump House

on Jack Frost Road.

Wear long sleeves & gloves.

Jack has grabbers, bags, safety vests

**OLD BUSINESS**

**National Night Out (NNO)**

Rick registered Lake Shores for NNO

NNO will be first weekend in August.

We cannot use Shelton Park Elementary School.

**Lake Shores Signs**

Rick recommends a fund raiser.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Diane asks us to suggest speakers for future meetings.

**ELECTIONS**

Diane asks for any new nominations for office.

As none were nominated, Diane moved to nominate the current officers.

The motion was seconded ~ current officers are nominated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Our next meeting is on March 25, 2025.

Diane asked for questions then moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was seconded.

All agreed & the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jeanne Marie Macdonald*, Secretary