**Cypress Point Civic Association (CYPTCA) General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday May 23, 2023

1. 6:30       Informal Meeting of people new to Cypress Point Bob/Sandy Morgan
	* *Folks new to the neighborhood played a fun game of “Getting to know you…” and all seemed to have had a good time.*
2. 6:45       Meet and Greet of current members Bob/Sandy Morgan
	* *Mingling with new and old members; the Association provided a cookie tray for attendees. 50/50 sales began, requested attendees to sign welcome roster*
3. 7:00       Meeting opened Bill Filbert
	* *Meeting opened on time,*
4. 7:01       Welcome, Pledge, Moment of Silence Bill Filbert
	* *Remarks for the crowd*
5. 7:05       Police Report Officer D. Schoenbach
	* *Question regarding gang activity. Our neighborhood has relatively low crime and low gang activity. Another question from the crowd was about the increasing presence of homeless. It was reported there are two locations the homeless seem to be concentrating and there is little the police can do to clear them.*
6. 7:14        Guest Speaker, VB Community Engagement Strategist Nancy Bloom
	* *Local government involvement is important, especially following disasters such as the recent tornado strike in Virginia Beach. It was recommended for all to check their insurance coverage and verify if you had the appropriate level in place. Nancy passed out several handouts that included helpful links for Virginia Beach and disaster prep documents. She also talked about charity organizations, notably those in case of disasters and directed folks to check out Volunteer Hampton Roads to help residents match up with recommended charity organizations. Lastly, she asked folks to check out speakupVB.gov to take local/community related surveys.*
7. 7:32 President Report Bill Filbert
	* *Yard Contest: Winners were announced and posted online. Three residence recognized, with first place receiving a $25 gift card and one-year bragging rights. We are considering shifting the contest to an earlier date on the calendar next year.*
	* *Garage Sale: 25 residences participated. Association earned $125 from participants.*
	* *Lights on CYPT BLVD: The lights on the main entry were repaired by Dominion.*
	* *CPERT Activities: We hope to incorporate CPERT into our August Membership meeting/National Night Out with a mock disaster event.*
	* *Code enforcement: Our neighborhood had 12 issued citations regarding grass height. Monetary fines would ensue.*
8. 7:50        Financial Report John Bilzor
	* *The Association has ~$13.5K in funds. We are a 401C4 organization. Our biggest expense of the year is the newsletter, with other expenses to include the yard sale advertisement and charitable donations. Biggest source of income is membership dues, yard sale, and newsletter ads. We have 116 paid residence as of last year however, this year we are down to 64 paid residence. (this report occurred out of order)*
9. 7:52        Secretary Ben Miller
	* *Check out our Facebook Page and CYPTCA website. Nextdoor.com is used for communication too. Minutes to be posted to our website. Don’t forget to sign in to our roster at the front of the room. (this report occurred out of order)*
10. 7:55       New Business: Ag station moving Bill Filbert
	* *Changes to By-laws -- Hold Harmless: plan to add amendment to by-laws, tabled and to be voted on next General Membership meeting*
	* *Food Pantry Drive – November: considering to participate in food pantry collections*
	* *Encampments: discussed earlier*
	* *Green Line/Seton Hall: growth into agriculture lands/initiative passed by VB to convert a former home for girls into a safe haven for child migrants*
	* *Interim 1st VP to replace Dr. Hamlet*
11. 8:05        Questions/Answers, 50/50 All
	* *50/50 was held, $15 for the win*
12. 8:06        Adjourn All
	* *See you all later this summer!*