

# Meeting of the Chester Heights Civic Association via Video Conference

January 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Elena O'Mahony

**Board members present:** Dawn Attwood (Vice President), Joyce Balint (Corresponding Secretary), Nanci Colangelo (Recording Secretary), Elena O'Mahony (President), Irene Sarno (Treasurer)

**Total members present: 16**

The president opened the meeting with general information:

- There are four meetings a year with the next one scheduled for April 6, 2021.
- Membership runs from January 1 – December 31 each year. It is always preferable for the association to complete the collection of membership dues by February. We actively continue to recruit and add new members all year long.
- 'Residential Membership' and 'By-Laws' committees both have positions that have not been filled. Legal experience is preferred for the By-laws position.
- Any information that may be of interest to the community should be emailed to Elena O'Mahony (Communications Committee) who will post info on the website.

I. **Minutes of Last Meeting** -These minutes and the associated links are posted on the CHCA website.

- II. **Events** (D.Attwood, A. Manca, S. Miele) - Anna Manca is the new chairperson.
- a. Past Events - The association sponsored a softball game, a Halloween candy table, a jack o' lantern contest, a holiday contest and a tree lighting ceremony in the village square. Photos are on the website.
  - b. Upcoming Event - On February 25, there will be a virtual Trivia Night hosted by Scott Misner. He will incorporate links for both music and video clues and players will be able to select an answer from multiple choice options. The top three players will receive prizes and it was suggested that we ask local businesses for discount cards rather than gift certificate donations.

III. **Treasurer's Report** (I. Sarno)

The treasurer reported that the association currently has an approximate balance of \$4300.00. Some of the recent expenses have included insurance (\$500) and prizes for the contests.

Opening Balance (from close of 9/14/20 meeting): \$4464.58

Income: \$ 541.19

Expenses: \$ 670.00

Closing Balance: \$4335.77

- IV. Civic Affairs** (J. Attwood, R. Marzziotti)
- a. The building that formerly housed CVS is now a Covid testing site. It is not a drive-thru but rather by appointment only, therefore there are no lines outside. A town building inspector checked on the site and agreed that the rules were being followed.
  - b. A portion of the former Chester Heights Bakery will be occupied by 'Flowerbake' which will fulfill custom cake orders. They also plan to make this a café.
  - c. The Chester Heights Bakery is now on Mill Road under a new name: 'Paradise Bakery'.
  - d. The former martial arts storefront will become the 'Golden Century Spa'. To date, no inspections have been done.
  - e. 'Best Charming Nails' will not return after a leak caused extensive water damage.
  - f. The town painted traffic lines in October 2020.
  - g. After much discussion and community appeals, the Chester Heights firehouse remains open and operational. Budget constraints in 2020 posed the possibility of a temporary closure during the last quarter of that year. The firehouse could however, temporarily close in the spring for reconstruction of the apparatus floor.
- V. Beautification** (E. O'Mahony, I. Sarno) – In October 2020, the association supplied the plants at the gazebo. Crimson Rose also replaced the potted annuals with purple fall flowers in five of our ten pots in front of businesses.
- VI. Membership** (M. Florio, S. Prezioso, S. Sexton)
- a. Residential- This is still an open position.
  - b. Welcoming
    1. Welcoming gifts were dropped off to four new homeowners during the third full week of January. Five new residents will also be receiving welcoming gifts.
    2. The gift plant has been a succulent but recently the cost of this plant has doubled.  
Annie, from Crimson Rose, may be able to recommend a different plant for the future.
    3. The local businesses have been very generous to our community and the association encourages everyone to support them before going elsewhere.
  - c. Business
    1. The holiday contests were a success thanks to the generosity of Wine Gems, Crimson Rose, Dantoni's and Elia Taverna.
    2. The new, incoming businesses will receive requests to join the association as soon as they open.
    3. It was also suggested that we ask the local businesses to offer Zoom classes in their areas of expertise.
- VII. Communications** (E. O'Mahony) – Presently, the association has 264 email subscribers which accounts for 202 homes.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2021.  
The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Colangelo, Recording Secretary