

BAYCLIFF CIVIC LEAGUE MINUTES

March 17, 2009

President Hogan opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and introduced Evan Fowler a scout working toward his Eagle status. Evan's project through Boy Scout Troup 79 is public outreach regarding the Lynnhaven River. Troup 79 has developed a brochure entitled The Homeowner's Guide to Helping the Lynnhaven, a copy was given to all in attendance, in an effort to minimizing harmful effects on the River.

Sharon Haring a former teacher at First Colonial HS, with a 35 year background in teaching, discussed technology that young people are exposed to currently. With Sharon were three young ladies (teens) who were very versed in the technology. Each said that they used their cell phones quite a lot for texting. The three teens discussed the blogging site Facebook, and the pros and cons of the site. The three all thought Facebook was safe for connecting with friends. It is necessary to have a membership in Facebook to use their services. The question came up regarding the changing dynamics of face to face open conversation. The teens said that some kids feel more open with electronics – less emotions involved. The question was posed “why text over using phone” and they said it was quicker and simpler with the abbreviated format they all use.

Our next guest was Denise Cox from Cox Communications Speakers Bureau Program.

She presented a video presentation – how to keep kids safe online. She said that parents must take charge, use parental controls and keep the computer in a public area. She said that Cox Communication is part of an annual Teen Summit where 20 teens share ideas about internet safety. She also discussed Tweens (8-12 years), and said that 90% had used the internet at some time. She said that 1 in 10 (11%) have responded and chatted with people they don't know on the internet.

The minutes of January 13, 2009 were read.

Treasurer Rist passed out the current report to all, and said that some monies would be transferred from checking to MMA. Dues have been received from 123 families to date.

Old Business

Traffic Calming Project went to the City Council on March 10, 2009 with the Traffic Calming Petition and was approved 9 – 0. This project will be on Baycliff Drive only.

Jill Frazier announced the Egg Hunt scheduled for 4/4 and they are looking for volunteers.

Barbara Hancock requested gardening assistance for a clean up of the circle on 3/19.

President Hogan said the Nominating Committee is in place and names will appear in our next newsletter.

There is an issue with the entryway irrigation system and Pres. Hogan will be back with a proposal. The plan is to have it checked and perhaps get a maintenance agreement in place.

No further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Cox