

## **Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – April 19, 2022**

President Carolyn Foca opened the meeting at 7:15 PM. Fred Gallup led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Avis McCann led us in The Lord's Prayer. The president recognized all the guests tonight and longtime civic league member Faye Dyer, who announced her engagement. There were 20 in attendance.

The guest speaker tonight was Michelle Morgan, the Public Educator for the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Dept. She reported that there have been 30 fires reported since January. She interacted with the audience when she asked them to tell their story of a fire occurring at their home. Michele reminded us that baking soda, salt, and our fire extinguisher (know the proper way to use one) can be used in the kitchen when a fire starts at the stove, and ways to escape a fire in your home. (Have a plan of what to do when a fire starts). There were a variety of handouts regarding fire safety that Michelle left for us to take home. A question and answer session followed.

Our Estabrook and Coleman Place neighborhoods have two new community resource officers for the Second Patrol Division, Green Sector: Officer Dowell and his partner Officer Torian. Officer Dowell gave us his cellphone number if we ever need to call him. They reminded us that larcenies to autos are the biggest problem throughout the city. Lock your vehicles. The police department is working with less officers on duty, they have to spread themselves thin throughout the city. Officer Dowell mentioned they have a no pursuit policy with speeders. Officer Torian also spoke to the group. A Q & A session followed with the officers.

There was no treasurer's report this evening.

The civic league is planning on having a yard sale this year. If you have anything to donate or know anyone that wants to donate bring your items to the civic league or contact one of the officers to make arrangement to drop items off at the civic league building.

De Anthony Everett spoke about wanting to purchase a home at 2324 Fairbanks Ave. that is near Coleman Place Elem. School that has some issues with some renovations. He asked the civic league for supporting him so he will be able to purchase it. Fred Gallup made a motion for the civic league to not object to the renovations for the house he wants to do. Diana Lionetti seconded the motion.

Delk Koolman, our Neighborhood Development Specialist, made some announcements of upcoming events that will be happening in Norfolk. He mentioned that the Norfolk city budget is being worked on now. City Council will have another vote on it May 3, 2022 and the approval for the budget is July 1, 2022. The major utility work and resurfacing project at Five Points is progressing. The utility work will be done in May and the resurfacing project will finish up the end of June.

Fred Gallup mentioned that the civic league will continue to give the \$100 donations to Sherwood Elem and Coleman Place schools to use for whatever they need for the children.

50/50 Drawing - Ben Thompson won the drawing and donated his winnings back to the civic league.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Janis Carney, Secretary