

Estabrook/Coleman Place Civic League General Meeting – Dec.21, 2021

President Carolyn Foca opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. She welcomed everyone who attended. The president announced that our Community Resource Officer, Officer Trojhan, recently had surgery on his hand and is recuperating at home. The president led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Gallup said the prayer. She also announced that Diane Lionetti will be in charge of the games that will be played tonight. There were 13 in attendance.

The president received the crime report from the Community Resource Officer Jhet Sarmiento from the Second Patrol Division Blue Sector so it could be announced at tonight's meeting. There were two violent crimes (shooting into occupied dwelling and an aggravated assault, domestic related) and nineteen property crimes that included from automobiles and buildings. The president also received info from the City of Norfolk (Melinda Luchun) regarding their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. A community engagement (Jan. 13th) and input meeting (Jan. 20th) they are hosting. And she also got an email from Mayor Alexander asking citizens to get out and vote at the Democratic Caucus tomorrow.

Neighborhood Specialist Delk Koolman contacted our president about the civic league's Sunday Afternoon Crafting held at the civic league building. Mr. Jim Herbst is interested in getting more people interested in crafting.

We will be collecting civic league dues for 2022 in January.

The president stopped by the new business that opened recently that used to be Dr. Morris's dental office. The owner sells homemade candles and crafts and has a small beauty shop. Councilwoman Mamie Johnson is giving two Botanical Garden tickets for the drive-thru Christmas display for tonight's meeting. Will draw for the winner tonight.

Fred Gallup announced that 28 bags were collected for the Holiday Food Drive. He has been collecting all year round for anyone in need. All you need to do is contact him. He will reach out to Sheriff Baron to see if he can help with turkeys for the next year holiday food drive.

There was some discussion about doing a workshop to make some type of decorations for the median this next Christmas season. Diana got everyone interested in playing another game guessing the Christmas songs from a line in the song.

Treasurer Theresa Russell gave the financial report of income and expenses that included from January 21st to November 21, 2021.

The president asked the members present tonight to think about ways the officers of the civic league could get more people from the neighborhoods interested in becoming members of the civic league. And ways to generate more revenue for the civic league to support the upkeep of our building.

50/50 Drawing – Faye Dyer won the drawing and donated her winnings back to the civic league.

The drawing for the Botanical Garden tickets was won by Shirley Butts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Janis Carney, Secretary