

LECL minutes for December 14, 2017

I. **Welcome:**

With President Liberto having moved to New Orleans, and Vice President Curtis on an extended trip in Hawaii, immediate Past-President David O'Dell opened the meeting at 7:45 pm. with a welcome to the 2017 Holiday gathering.

II. **Treasurer's report:**

Our balance as of September 2016 was: \$9,450. 00 – there was no current report

III. **Guest Speakers:**

A. Norfolk Police report Officer Josh White (city of Norfolk). They encouraged the group to continue to be active on the Nextdoor Neighborhood App. It has helped a lot with the recent “parcel stealing” case, and has provided some good leads. The underscored the following tips: Important tips:

- 1) Lock your car
- 2) Don't leave any valuables in the car
- 3) Encouraged everyone to take out or cage any window A/C units for security
- 4) Prosecute everyone – even if you have received your goods back – adults will get jail time; juveniles will acquire “points”

There was one homicide in Larchmont in November – which was a domestic situation – and there was an arrest made.

A resident voiced concern about the number of illegally parked cars on Sunday morning ostensibly from parishioners attending one of the two churches in the area. GM Ziller suggested that a notice be generated by the Trustees of the two churches (Crossroads and LUMC) asking the drivers of the illegally parked cars to be more neighborly when parking in the future so as to not block driveways, etc. Ziller also volunteered to survey and place the letters on Sundays, once approved.

Officer White circulated a flyer on Safety. A copy will be placed on the LECL website.

He reiterated emergency 911 number, and the non-emergency number (441-5610).

B. Jim Tice, the point person for the Larchmont United Methodist Church (LUMC), described the church's plan to demolish the four houses adjacent to the church (3 on Surrey Crescent and one on Larchmont Crescent) so that the area can be used for parking and a play yard for the preschool. It will also provide a drive-through from Larchmont Crescent to Surrey Crescent for parking and drop-off for the preschoolers. A suitable fence (neighborhood appropriate) will surround the area and enclose a grassy field that will serve as the Sunday parking area. New city rules for storm-water management preclude paving or otherwise developing this area. Because of the addition of these lots to the church property, the entire parcel will now need a zoning change to “Institutional”.

Motion was made by Candice Gabriel and 2nd by GM Ziller to approve the zoning request. Unanimous approval by vote

Motion was made by Candice Gabriel, and 2nd by GM Ziller to support the tear down of the houses, and the landscape and lawn plan. Unanimous approval by vote

- C.** Elections: The following individuals were nominated and elected by vote as officers:
President: Nate Kinnison (nominated by David O'Dell, 2nd by Brian Collins)
Vice President: Brian Collins (nominated by Nate Kinnison, 2nd by David O'Dell)
Treasurer: Cornelia Steinert (nominated by Nate Kinnison, 2nd by Brian Collins)
Secretary: Gail Nicula (nominated by Nate Kinnison, 2nd by Brian Collins)

David O'Dell stressed that the LECL needs help with website, and marketing

- D.** Discussion on a donation to the Larchmont United Methodist Church (up to the year 2012, the LECL would make an annual donation of \$500, in appreciation of using the space for meetings).
GM Ziller motioned, and Gail Nicula 2nd, that upon receipt of a Treasurer's report, if the net balance of the checking account is over \$5,000 that there would be a \$1,000 donation made to the LUMC.
Unanimous approval by vote.
- E.** New business: Billy Chard, and Andy McCraw requested that the LECL pursues getting 4 way stop signs set up along Bolling Ave. It was determined that we should follow up with John Stevenson of the City of Norfolk, and further discuss it at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Next meeting to be held: February 15th. 2018