

# Shenandoah Civic Club Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2001

- **Call to order**
  - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Debbie Pilcher at 6pm.
- **Roll Call**
  - Members present were: Secretary: Wendy Bradt, Pam Sorich, Tami Webb, Marilyn Poppert, Betty Lahiri, Charron Cales and Norma McGee.
  - Councilman Charlie Bradt and Presiding Officer Debbie Pilcher
- **Approve Minutes from November 2020 meeting**
  - Motion was made by Betty Lahiri and seconded by Norma McGee
  - Vote was unanimous to pass the minutes
- **Chair Reports**
  - **Lighting of the Angels:** Pam Sorich: Entertainment and Marilyn Poppert: Food
    - See below on full discussion of event pertaining to what went well and what did not.
  - **Luminaries: Barbara Breeding**
    - We had the sandbagging at the Public Works Building December 5, 2020. We had a light turnout compared to last year. But those that came to help bag sand for the luminaries made more kits than needed for the city entrances. We were able to spread around the remainder to many residents to place out at their homes.
    - Several entrances were covered by Mike Mcleod and Charley Ballimer but one of the entrances was not covered this year. In observing around Shenandoah, it was found that mainly the Valley area was the biggest participant of the luminaries. The other areas such as the gated communities, did not have good participation. Civic Club will try different ideas to bring the Community out to help us bag sand in the future. Our thoughts are too strongly encourage the community to come on the

workday to bag the sand for their homes or street rather than waiting. We really want the community to get involved so we can brighten up Shenandoah. We do not want to lose this event. We do attract visitors coming through on Christmas Eve as the luminaries have been a wonderful tradition for a long time.

- **Old Business**

- Stadium night on November 20 was a huge success. Many were very appreciative of our item we gave away this year which was a pocket size personalized bottle of hand sanitizer. We even had some requests for the previous year's item which was a key chain but we were out of them.

- **New Business**

- **Lighting of the Angels:** Action discussion
  - Lighting of the Angels was a huge success. We did have less than the previous year. Our estimation for this year was 350 people in attendance.
  - In our observances it was found that this event was a true Community event. In past we have had outsiders as part of our events but in 2020 our event was clearly a Community attended event.
    - Entertainment: Pam Sorich
      - We had great success with our different events this year. We had a combination of some old and new events due to Covid. Workers and staff at the event wore masks or special face shields so they could be seen by the residents.
      - Our events this year were the camel ride and we added a donkey to the mix as one of the camels had passed away. We had a pony carousel, and a bucking reindeer which was loved by all. It even bucked the rider off as well. For this the age of the rider was considered so it wasn't too rough on the riders. A new item this year was the Letters to Santa which was a huge success that resident children of

all ages and teens included participated. A favorite item of many was the Walking Magician. Instead of having the children in a small space crowded together, the magician walked around and performed magic tricks. If a line was busy with people waiting, the magician would entertain the crowd in line. Of course, our usual well-loved characters of Elsa and the Grinch were present with a new character, a Glowing Angel. It was learned this year that you can't wear green for pictures with a green screen. Green would not show up so your pictures could not be developed that night. Our very important item of the night was pictures with Santa. Due to Covid restrictions we were not able to allow sitting on Santa's lap.

- Food distribution: Marilyn Poppert
  - Marilyn Poppert and her crew had placed an order for cookies for our Event with Sam's but when we went to pick up our order it was not made. So we had to improvise to gather what we ordered.
  - The distribution of the food went well. We had cookies bagged and even snack bags of chips so it was easy to hand out. We also had bottles of water, hot cider, coffee, and hot chocolate. We did have an issue with the hot chocolate. We had some of the residents coming up to us saying it didn't taste well. We are looking into new pans to cook in and a new item to serve it in so it can be kept better.
- Decorations
  - Our decorations were well received and a huge thanks to the Public Works department that came out and had our

huge decoration items like the deer, snowman and sleigh all put together for us. Our newest field service personnel enjoyed putting it all together for us and want to be part of it for next year. It was a huge help to those who came out to help with decorating. Also as another item to help the Civic Club out, Steve has offered to make a tool box for us to keep things in. This way we can keep the little necessities that we use each year so they do not get lost.

- **Events for the Month of March**

- Arbor Day: March 6
- Garage Sale: March 13
- Easter egg Hunt: March 20 (This is two weeks before the actual holiday as Trash Bash is always scheduled two years and this was our open date for this year's event.)
- Trash Bash: March 27

- **Police Brief: Sgt. Gordon**

- Being our first meeting of the New Year it was likely Sgt. Gordon forgot to attend.
- It is in the plans for Montgomery County Safety Expo to take place in April of 2021. A specific date has not been set.

- Our next meeting is February 9, 2021

- **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn by Betty Lahiri and a second by Marilynn Poppert.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm

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**Wendy Bradt: Secretary**

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**Date Approved**