

MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2015

- **LCA president Julie Szymaszek welcomed Lutherville residents to the meeting at the newly renovated Lutherville fire house.**
- **Pastor Ed Kay, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, greeted everyone and offered his cooperation to the community.**
- **State senator Jim Brochin, serving his 14th year in the state Senate, gave an update on current legislative issues, including a "death with dignity" bill. The bill currently would allow a patient to self-administer a drug cocktail when a doctor confirms the person has six months or less to live. Issues that have to be resolved include screening for depression and cost of the drugs.**
- **BGE representative Bob Oberle offered suggestions for saving energy. He said residents should take advantage of BGE's free energy test. He also suggested keeping hot water at or below 120 degrees, using "smart strips" to turn off appliances when they're not being used, and dusting the bottoms of refrigerators.**
- **President Julie Szymaszek congratulated the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Department for their newly renovated building and their successful open house. The LVFD's Jamie Cahn announced the Christmas tree sale was back in business. Julie**

reported the Baltimore Heritage Tour of Lutherville was a success, with 50 people participating.

- Minutes from the May General meeting were approved.**
- Treasurer Debbie Darr reported the LCA received donations to resolve a zoning issue on Morris Avenue in favor of neighbors. Debbie said membership money is coming in, although it's lower than this time last year. Another mailing in the next newsletter may help. Upcoming expenses are the newsletter and insurance.**
- Communications chair Molly White reported the last newsletter went out right after Labor Day. She said the community started a facebook page, at: facebook.com/lutherville. Marcia Hettinger volunteered to head up a subcommittee to boost efficiency on labels, list of people on listserv, and the mailing list. Molly White and Marie Frederick offered to join.**
- Hospitality chair Christine Tennies was absent, but reported she has been delivering flowers and membership packages to new residents.**
- Membership chair Marie Frederick was also absent, but reported membership numbers are low for now compared to last year.**
- Nominating chair Eric Dana reported he has a candidate for chair of the history committee, and is still looking for a candidate to fill the vacant vice-president position.**

- **Public Facilities chair Eric Rockel said there would be a “Coffee with Kevin (Kamenetz, Baltimore county executive) on Thursday, November 5th, at the Cockeysville Senior Center, from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The community got donations amounting to four thousand dollars to fight the zoning variance case on Morris Avenue. So far, only \$600.00 has been spent. An administrative law judge turned down the variances. However the builder has asked the judge to reconsider and the matter could go to the county board of appeals. A subcommittee met with the LVFD to talk about runoff from the planned parking lot next to the fire station. The LVFD reduced parking spots to 20, and added storm water management measures. Eric updated the four-year comprehensive rezoning process. Owners of the property next to the bike shop are asking for DR 10.5 zoning to build townhouses on three lots. The LCA will oppose it in order to keep Lutherville a single-family community.**
- **Special events chair Michelle Brooks said the Halloween parade will be at College Manor, with residents giving children treats. The children will then go to St Paul’s for lunch and an art project.**
- **Marcia Hettinger said the House Tour committee met several times. However, no one agreed to be on the tour, so it was postponed till the fall of 2017.**

- **President Julie Szymaszek reported the summer clean up day was a success, with up to 20 households participating.**
- **Traffic chair Jeff Dier reported a very good turnout for the recent traffic committee meeting. Jeff said proposed radar speeding signs would cost about three thousand dollars each, and would be put on top of new speed limit signs. He plans to ask residents on Kurtz and Francke to contribute to the cost. Signs on Ridgely road near the light rail station still interfere with drivers' visibility, and Jeff's committee is looking into it. They're also proposing a stop sign at Spring and Notre Dame avenues in Country Club Park.**
- **And the two commemorative bricks Lutherville is donating to the LVFD will be in place soon.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K McGee".

Kathleen McGee

Secretary