

MINUTES OF LCA GENERAL MEETING, October 10, 2017

President Julie Szymaszek opened the meeting.

- 1. Pastor Ed Kay of St. Paul's Lutheran Church told the gathering about a community project called "End Hunger Northeast" which aims to pack 15 thousand meals for the hungry. The event will be this Saturday, 9am in Spangler Hall. Pastor Ed had a sign-up sheet and invited everyone to come and help, either Saturday or Friday night to unload the supplies.**
- 2. Jeff Dier and Marcia Hettinger talked about a year-long project to help those in need in our community. Several local churches are participating. All are invited to become involved. Volunteers are going door-to-door to identify seniors and give them information about where and how they can get help. The fire department has refrigerator magnets and cards people can fill out to identify problems, medications, and contacts in case of emergency. Towson University is organizing a volunteer day in April. There's a meeting friday at Holy Comforter to identify households which would benefit from help with clean-up and yard work. College Manor representative Bunny Renaud suggested the community set up a flu shot day. She volunteered College Manor as a safe place for seniors in an emergency. Other source of volunteers are high school students who need to complete service hours and the boy and girl scouts.**
- 3. Chet Jones, the regional manager for the Baltimore County Department of aging, talked about available services for seniors. He said there are 20 senior centers in the county. Bykota in Towson and the Cockeysville senior center are the closest to Lutherville. They offer a wide range of programs, including exercise, language classes, and free meals. They also have social workers to help isolated seniors, and an ombudsman. There's also County Ride to help seniors shop and go to doctors' ap-**

pointments. Mr. Jones brought information to distribute, including refrigerator magnets with a one-stop shop number for seniors who need help. There also is a "Law Day" every year, when seniors can get help with wills and powers of attorneys.

5. The minutes from the last general meeting in May were approved.

6. Treasurer Debbie Darr was absent, but provided a printed report indicating assets of just over \$20,000.

7. Communications' chair Molly White said the next newsletter will go out around Thanksgiving. She's sending out postcards to remind people of the upcoming bonfire celebration.

8. Hospitality chair Christine Tennes asked to be notified of any new neighbors she could welcome to the community.

9. Membership chair Marcia Hettinger said so far, she's received \$1,678.22 in dues, and is expecting more. The goal is to get 30 new members this year.

10. Karen Darden, the new nominating committee chair. was introduced.

11. Public facilities chair Eric Rockel said people brought canned goods for the needy tonight, and can also bring them to the Fall Festival.

Regarding storm drain problems, Eric reported Baltimore County has allotted \$600,000 to fix the runoff problem in the Melancthon Avenue area. The quick response came after neighbors formed a task force to pressure for a solution. The project will take one to one-and-a-half years to complete.

Another problem is the degradation of Roland Run stream, and competing flood plain maps from Baltimore County and FEMA. The LCA prefers the FEMA map. Neighbors whose houses bor-

der the stream want to avoid paying expensive flood insurance. Eric said the flood plain problem is still being negotiated.

12. Special events chair Rita Nabhan said plans are almost complete for the Fall Festival and bonfire November 4th at College Manor.

Santa will again ride a fire truck through Lutherville on Saturday, December 17th. Rita said the Holiday decorating contest will start soon. She's trying to organize a community walk to see all the contenders.

13. Traffic chair Jeff Dier reports that developments regarding traffic will be put on facebook.

14. Security chair John Alexander was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K T McGee', written in black ink.

Kathleen McGee
Secretary