

**Kings Park Association General Meeting
March 16, 2015
Hernwood Elementary School**

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Dyson at 7:12 pm.

President Dyson indicated that a guest speaker from BGE would be the opening speaker for the evening. Chanel B. Rhoads-Reed, Senior Community Relations Specialist Governmental Affairs Office. Ms. Rhoads-Reed stated that BGE Home was a separate entity from BGE. She stated that safety and service are priority for the company. The Governmental Affairs Office gives presentations on safety, environmental service, and energy efficiency. The office seeks to establish relationships with communities to inform them and conduct safety presentations. As an environmental friendly company, the company makes available annually an \$800,000 philanthropic foundation. They perform quick energy services to home owners.

Regarding electric choice, Ms. Rhoads-Reed said to be sure in choosing another supplier that the rate is not an introductory one that is used as a come on to obtain your business. She suggested that one be an informed customer by asking questions about the contract, automatic renewal, and early termination fees.

As part of community education, the Governmental Affairs Office, will conduct an educational program for children, a Bmore healthy program. They also focus on gas leaks, power outages, and carbon monoxide poisoning. The company will also wrap hot water tanks.

In conclusion Ms. Rhoads-Reed distributed business cards so that customers can contact her office for any of the aforementioned home services.

The second guest speaker was Officer Kristie Makowiecki of the Baltimore County Police Department. Her comments were to keep the neighborhood informed of crimes and crime prevention. She spoke of "deception burglary" wherein would be criminals present themselves as an employee of a company often with phony ID badges. Once entry is gained they may rob, perform shabby work, and steal other valuables.

Officer Kristie suggested calling 911, placing "NO SOLICITATION" in a highly visible place, and contact the Better Business Bureau to learn more about companies. She also stated there is no Baltimore County Code for door-to-door solicitations.

III. Reading of Minutes

The minutes were read by Recording Secretary Pearl Kirby and approved by the body present.

IV. Financial Report

The financial report was given by Treasurer Gladys Winfrey. The report outlined funds spent to date and the current bank account balance. KPA funds were spent were for administrative items including bank fees, stamps, printer ink, envelopes, and BGE bills for the entrance walls. A total of \$90.00 was collected in dues, leaving a bank account balance of \$2,741.81 for January 2015. For February 2015, expenses totaled \$205.51, leaving a balance of \$2,646.30, with the additional collection of \$110.00 in dues.

V. Old Business

A. 2014 KPA Membership-Annie Butler

There are a total of 539 homes on 23 streets in Kings Park Estates Community. There are 11 vacant homes. For the year 2014, 383 homes paid the annual dues, giving a 72.54% paid. The following six block captains had 100 % participation: **Annie Butler, Barbara Taylor, Sandy Thorington,**

Madolin Vassar, Ted Murray, and Pearl Kirby. Only those households, who have paid dues will receive a copy of the Kings Park newsletter.

Dues are paid by the calendar year January through December. The membership drive takes place from April 1st- May 31st of each year. Mrs. Butler will distribute membership cards along with addresses and names for block captains. In addition, Mrs. Butler will email a summary of those dues that have been paid.

VI. New Business-Keith

A. Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for 2015 was presented. There is an increase in administrative costs from \$750.00 to \$850.00 since we will not receive COP grant funds this year since insufficient COP members' activity (including patrols and meeting attendance), which is needed when applying for the grant BGE and Hospitality remained the same. Internet website increased from \$150.00 to \$250.00, due to enhanced features added to improve website functionality. . There was a reduction in Kings Park Improvement from \$1,600.00 to \$1,200.00 due to construction at the entrance at Live Oak and Liberty Road—will not have lawn service fees; Neighborhood outing was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00; printing from \$1,400.00 to \$1,300.00 for a total budget of \$5,000.00.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2015 budget for the Kings Park Association.

B. 2015 KPA Membership-Annie

Mrs. Butler reiterated that the 2015 membership drive is on. Block Captains will be asked to canvas their blocks to increase participation. Also dues will be accepted at the Community clean up date on April 25th and Document Shred day May 2nd.

By the end of 2014, only 40 households had paid dues for 2015. As of February 2015, an additional 21 residents had paid for a total of 61 paid households.

C. Citizens On Patrol (COP)- Malik Freeman

The COP is concerned about community safety, security, and property values. We want to maintain properties in this community so that those looking for houses will view Kings Park as a desirable neighborhood. Desirable communities generally receive better support for community services- schools, roads, etc. Vacant houses raise concerns for realtors and would be home owners.

Mr. Freeman stressed the need for additional patrol during after school hours. An analysis has shown that more burglaries, and property destruction take place during the dismissal of students. Late night vehicle theft, and car entry take place when keys are left, other valuables, purses, electronic devices-phones, iPads, laptops are left visible from the car.

We want to remind residents to **stop** at all stop signs. This pattern has been very noticeable with drivers particularly in the morning and after school. Drivers often do not come to a complete stop but a rolling stop and continue driving out of the development.

Targeted patrols are needed after school, early Sunday mornings, and holidays, and when there is early dismissal.

Residents are reminded that sidewalks must be shoveled with 24 hours after the snow ends. It is a county violation wherein residents can be fined.

The number of 911 calls made have been for infractions such as house alarms, motor bikes, loud music, mailbox destruction, failure to remove untagged cars from street.

D. Financial Audit (July 1, 2014-December 31, 2014- Keith

All expenditures were accurately documented.

E. Document Shred Day-Keith

Document Shred Day will take place on May 2, 2015, from 10am- 12pm at the intersection of Mariottsville and Live Oak Roads. Residents must be in good standing to participate in this event.

F. Community Clean Up Day-Keith

The date for the Community Clean Up Day is April 25th, same location. Residents can go to the website for acceptable disposable household items.

*The meeting was adjourned by President Dyson at 8:35 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Pearl Kirby*