

## **BEAUMONT VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**

### **Minutes for October 5, 2017**

The Beaumont Village Association held a regular monthly meeting on October 5, 2017, at the Beaumont United Methodist Church. Vice President Marilyn Kimple called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm and opened with a moment of silence. Those present were asked to remember especially the recent victims of natural disasters and acts of violence. There was a full house present, including two special guests, Mr. Junie White and Mr. Todd Horne, who are both candidates for mayor of Spartanburg. Mr. White is the incumbent mayor. The meeting began with a time of meet and greet and introductions.

The first item of business was the Public Safety report from Officer Chris Banks, who has served the city since 1988. He reported that for the month of September there were 78 calls for service, but only five reported crimes. The crimes included assault, arson, disorderly conduct, burglary, and larceny. He said that in his opinion Beaumont is one of the better neighborhoods in the city and is getting better, but he cautioned residents to be alert and report any suspicious activity immediately. He said it is better to call before something happens, rather than after.

Following the police report, the secretary, Malinda Willard, read the minutes for the September meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Ms. Willard also reported that she had sent a thank you note to Stan and Paula Black Baker for their generous donation as friends of the village. There was no financial statement available because the treasurer was still processing membership application forms.

In regard to membership, Ms. Kimple said that one of the ways that the grant from the Mary Black Foundation is being used is to improve membership. Currently, only about 10% of village residents are members; the goal is to improve to at least 20% because we want the Association to be the voice of the village. She needs help with the membership drive. In other old business, she thanked everyone who assisted with the National Night Out activities, making the event a success.

The group then moved to a consideration of new business. Susan Billings gave a presentation about the oral history project, of which she is the chairperson. She shared some stories she had heard from her mother about growing up in the

village and working in the mill. We need narratives and pictures and volunteers to make the project a success.

Ms. Kimple announced that we now have a WebSite, [Beaumont Village.org](http://BeaumontVillage.org), which is connected to the Facebook page. She then introduced the students from Clemson, who have been employed by the city to take a survey of the village and suggest solutions to perceived priorities. Some priorities voiced by the residents were as follows: the need for a park or playground, the need for beautification of the passive park, the need for better traffic control, and the need for revision of the historic guidelines.

In conclusion, Ms. Kimple indicated that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws will be voted on at the next meeting. Copies of the By-Laws with the proposed changes were distributed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Malinda Willard, secretary