

GDCA Board Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2009

The meeting was held at Mike and Suzanne Schexnayder's house. In attendance were Tim Page, Sonya Pickens, Mike Schexnayder, Alex Tucker, Anna Hanks, Ray Mack, Greta Corona, Carolyn Schwarzhoff, Ana Forbes, and Mary Fontenot. Paul Miller came for a little while with his son, John Michael. Board members folded and stamped dues statements while the meeting was going on, finishing by the end.

The minutes were read aloud by Mary so members could continue their folding and stamping. Ray motioned to approve them and Alex seconded with one addition of where the last meeting was held. Minutes were approved.

Security: Ray gave a security report. Since only the speakers came to the garage sale meeting that he called he has decided to downsize the garage sale. The garage sales purpose is to raise money for security patrols. It will not be held at Ragusa's anymore, but at Ray's house on April 25th. He will ask if there is a neighbor with an empty garage who would be willing to store things. Otherwise, people will have to bring them that day. Ray was worried because he and Beryl might be called out of town to help their daughter-in-law. The board didn't think they should do all the work anyway. They encouraged Ray to put out one more call for help and if people don't respond, then cancel the garage sale. There was a discussion about crime prevention districts. Alex heard third hand news that the off-duty police don't get involved to stop some things. Carolyn said she would ask Sgt. Stone about it. People noted that there has been vandalism lately, but no home invasions.

Beautification: Suzanne sent two letters to Pete Newkirk asking to have the medians roped off for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and about no trash and no parking signs in the medians. Mary sent David Guillory with DPW an e-mail about the parade.

Social Events: Anna will coordinate the Easter Egg Hunt via e-mail. It is set for April 5th.

There were no reports for the list serve and the Historical Commission.

Newsletter: Glenn Howse, the flyer delivery man, has the flyers to deliver. We had them printed at Letterman's for the first time. They did a good job and were less expensive than Office Depot and Kinko's.

Financial: Sonya keeps track of who the new members are as well as which ones are new to the neighborhood and which ones have been here. It was decided that we will be lenient and allow people to vote at the annual meeting if they paid dues in 2008. Rather than hand out anything to paying members we will be on the honor system.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting will be at the Baton Rouge Gallery in City Park on Sunday, March 15, 2009 from 2-4.

Sonya will bring her computer to the annual meeting and accept dues.

Mary will prepare a handout about crime prevention districts to have at the annual meeting.

Carolyn will ask Sgt. Stone if he would like to say anything about how the crime prevention district is working in Wedgewood Subdivision.

Carolyn and Ana will work on door prizes.

The order of events will be

1. Election of new board members
2. Mike Futrell will speak about the sewer system renovations
3. Tara Wicker will speak
4. Sgt. Stone will speak (if available)
5. There will be a vote on the by-laws
6. Committee reports: financial, security, Park Blvd. zoning

Tim will write an agenda from the meeting minutes. Carolyn will do the backside with all the "How to..." information. Mary will send an explanation of 311 to Carolyn. Fifty handouts will be copied.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fontenot, Secretary
February 21, 2009