

EIHOA General Board Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

Location - Tammany Yacht Club

Time - 7:03-8:30pm

Note Taker - Suzanne Bertoniere

Attendance - Suzanne Bertoniere, Jerri Candebat, Cindy Franatovich, Deb Horrocks, Sarah Landry, Virgil Landry
Enrae Lanfrendi, Tim Sykes

Absent - Beth Applewhite, LaTanye Black, Catherine Hammel

President, Tim Sykes, called the meeting to order.

Members stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

FOOD SPONSORS

Ross Fayard with Amstate Insurance Agency

http://www.amstateins.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=local&utm_campaign=google-local-4515, was one of our meetings' food sponsors. His office handles homeowners, flood and auto insurance. He asked neighbors to contact his office to see if they can provide a better and less expensive policy for you. Also, Ross told us if you have a catastrophe, there is an app that will itemize everything in every room in your house. You can also scan your receipts to it, to have to show to your insurance company.

Colleen Orfanello with **Sea Tow New Orleans** <https://www.seatow.com/local/neworleans/> (her husband is **Capt. Chris Orfanello**) provided dessert. They are not an insurance company but work with them. They are a marine assistance provider. If you get stranded on the water they will pick you up. Annual membership is \$179.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Mary DuBuisson had been the legislative assistant to Greg Cromer, before he was recently elected as Mayor of Slidell. Mary will be running for Cromer's State House of Representative seat.

- Mary said she is a big proponent for concerns of **flooding and lighting on Oak Harbor Blvd andn I-10**. She reported the State will remove the lights and redo the street where water fills up. This project will be completed at the end of 2019.

- **Expansion of I-12** - there is a plan to fund an expansion. Short term - engineers will set up flashing lights and signs when there are backups on I-12.

- Mary is a **cheerleader for schools**. Her husband teaches at Salmen High. She mentioned the JAG program (Job's for America's Graduates).

Our next guest speaker, **Shawn O'Neil, meteorologist**, was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the weather and this year's hurricane predictions as his family dog passed away.

Cindy Franatovich spoke about the **Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide** from Home Land Security. Mary DuBuisson offered to pick them up for us. It has good information on how to be prepared for an emergency. Cindy had a list of what items to bring with you in an emergency.

The **president of Moonraker**, Steve Deep, announced the board members of EIHOA and MICOI recently got together to discuss how our two neighborhood can move forward, together. Also, a coalition is being formed

concerning flood protection in our area. Steve invited the attendees of the meeting to the next Moonraker meeting which will be in a couple of weeks.

READING OF THE MINUTES

There was a motion to table reading of the minutes. Copies of the minutes were available on each table.

TREASURY REPORT

Enrae gave the Treasury Report. She had copies of the report for anyone to take.

AGENDA ITEMS

Report of Standing Committees:

Newsletter - Sarah asked if anyone has articles for the newsletter, to please contact her.

Events - Jerri announced the next **Ice Cream Socials** and their green space locations: June 19 at Rampage Loop, July 24 at Charles Court, and August 21 it will be at Windward Passage.

- **Movie Night** - first one was held June 2, though due to the lightening they had to end it early. The next two Movie Nights are scheduled for July 14 and August 11. The selected movies will be announced on Nextdoor.
- Our **Luau** is planned for August 4, 7-10pm at the Old Fire Station, with a live band.
- **Fall Garage Sale** will be September 29.

Neighborhood Watch - Suzanne revealed that on Nextdoor a neighbor announced there had been **3 car break-ins** in May, on Blackfin and Brushfire. She asked if anyone would like to join **Nextdoor**, our neighborhood's social media where neighbors share concerns and referrals, please give her your email address. Also, Corporal Vauthier, our Neighborhood Watch Officer, has asked Suzanne to compile **a list of homes that have security cameras**, if anyone would like to give her their information.

- Suzanne had **Resident Information Forms** on the tables- if anyone does not have a block captain on their street and would like her to contact them when a crime has been committed in the neighborhood, please fill out the form and give back to her.
- Suzanne had pamphlets on the tables for neighbors to take of a **crime alert app** the St. Tammany Sheriff's Office has created. If you see a crime or you are in a dangerous situation, with this app you can quickly alert dispatch.
- Suzanne mentioned she had a driveway **block party** for her 45 homes. Everyone had a good time and many neighbors were meeting for the first time.
- Suzanne said if anyone would like information about being a **block captain**, please feel free to see her after the meeting.

Security & Website - Virgil used to be a police officer in New Orleans. It was his neighbors' cars that were burglarized and he saw his neighbors' videos of the perpetrators. In speaking about the recent car breakins, he advised neighbors to lock all of their doors, don't post on FB that you are on vacation, and keep your garage door closed. Virgil had handouts of ways to **prevent burglaries, and tips if going on vacation**. Some examples:

- If you are out of town and mail has built up, this can tell someone your house may be unoccupied.
- Get a security camera even if it is just for show. If it is hooked up, you can see your deliveries.
- Have a dog sign posted outside whether you have a dog or not.
- The majority of crimes happen from people in our surrounding area.
- If someone you don't know knocks on your door, go outside to talk with them - don't let them see what is inside your home.
- Unplug garage doors when you are on vacation as people can hack your code and get in.
- With the website contract ending, he is bidding it out, if anyone has a company to recommend.

Side note, Virgil has volunteered to paint the **anchor at the Hwy 11 entrance**. A poll was set up on Nextdoor for neighbors to vote. The neighborhood voted on the color "Eden Isles Blue".

Report of the Special Committees:

Landscape - Suzanne is very thankful for the 5 neighbors that volunteered to **clean up the two Eden Isles Entrance Gardens**. In 3 1/2 hours the volunteers pulled weeds, trimmed bushes and the sago palms, power washed the wall sign, planted vincas, scrapped and painted the camera posts. Thanks to Terri Story, Mike White, Renee Clear, Mona Fincher and Tanya McCormick. We sweated a lot, but it was fun and well worth it to see the improvements.

- **Future landscape jobs** continuing to maintain the two entrance gardens, trimming and mulching of trees, painting neighborhood street signs. Suzanne asked to let her know if anyone is interested in being on a Landscape Committee.

Signs - Cindy said she is working on getting the paint color for our **neighborhood street signs** and will be looking for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Word from our president, Tim Sykes - He announced that he and other board members attend local meetings on behalf of the neighborhood, i.e. the Parish Levee Council, Parish Council Representative and other HOA meetings in our area.

- Tim spoke about how our neighborhood does things in the spirit of community, and stated that Movie Night is a cost-free event.

Levee Board Meeting - Thomas Thompson asked neighbors to show up at the next meeting that is coming up, held on the 5th floor of the Tower building. Meetings are held every month rotating between Slidell and Covington, the 3rd Wed., 6pm. Thomas said the levee board members need to see us and know we are interested in knowing about what is being done for **flood protection in our area**. Thomas said there is a master plan for it in the works.

A neighbor inquired about doing something regarding the home at **129 Eden Isles Blvd**. Tim said that unless there is a safety or parish violation, there is nothing we can do. Another neighbor suggested contacting the neighbor by letter and ask if there is something we can do to help him clean up the outside of his house.

Jerri disclosed that **Litter Enforcement takes down signs** that are illegally placed on the medians.

DOOR PRIZES

We had numerous Saints related door prizes donated by Cindy Franatovich and Jerri Candebat for our attendees to win.

50/50

Split \$83.00

Meeting was adjourned.

45 people signed in for the meeting attendance.