

## MINUTES

### GDCA BOARD MEETING 10/7/14

**Present:** Eric Troutman, John Williams, Dorothy Prowell, Ray Mack, Mary & Willie Fontenot, David Franz, Jason Dore, Austin Stukins, Shawn Love, Jason Dore, and Nancy Grush

Special thanks to Ray & Beryl for hosting the meeting & providing such delicious snacks under a gorgeous full moon. (Next time I'll read my email more carefully about the starting time.)

**Old Business:** 1) The Fall Picnic (pot-luck) will take place in Ray's yard from 2-4 p.m., Oct. 26, 2014. We will provide a Moon Bounce & games.

2) Financial Update: John Williams presented the report showing a profit of \$153.22 for the Champagne Stroll. Bank balance is \$55,815.69. Membership dues reached \$36,197.52, which Dorothy claimed was \$10,000 higher than this time last year.

**New Business:** 1) Website: Eric was able to reclaim gdca.br.org from the domain registrant after talking to them on the phone. Discussion followed on possible changes to the GDCA website.

2) Newsletter: At the request of Glenn \_\_\_\_\_, who delivers the GDCA newsletter, the Board voted to pay him 13 cents more per house, which means we'll be paying 38 cents per house for delivery. Discussion followed about going to an online version of the newsletter, but it was agreed that we should continue the hardcopy for now & possibly use the website to post updates.

3) Bollards: There are five of them used to indicate some of the entrances to the GD. Dorothy, John, David, Shawn, & Nancy agreed to clean & touch up the paint on them. Dorothy will do the first one & then hand the supplies to the next volunteer.

4) Garbage cans: Dorothy expressed her concern about garbage cans with missing lids that fill with water & become breeding zones for mosquitoes. Mary agreed to look into how we can get new cans or new lids. Then John will send out an email to the neighborhood on the subject.

5) Gumbo Cook Off: Plans are to hold it in early January. Possible locations include the yards of Michael McIntosh, yard or Chad & Brook \_\_\_\_\_. Matt Swanner agreed to look into possible prizes.

6) Christmas Lights: Judges will include Eric, John, Mary & Willie, & Jason, & any other board member who would like to join them.

- 7) Christmas Caroling: Board agreed to allocate up to \$200 to Mary Fontenot to host the Christmas Caroling party.
- 8) Historic Holiday Home Tour: Mary stated that the Foundation for Historic Louisiana is conducting a tour of homes in the Garden District. Several board members offered suggestions of homes & some offered their own homes.
- 9) Beer/Wine Event: Plans are to hold a social similar to the Champagne Stroll, but feature either beer or wine. John mentioned a couple on Myrtle to possibly host a wine tasting.
- 10) Doggy bag Dispenser/No Solicitation: Mary will check on whether we can affix No Solicitation stickers to the backs of Stop Signs. Dispensers will be strategically located throughout the neighborhood.
- 11) Next Meeting: Nov. 12 at David Franz' house.