

GDCA Board Meeting – 2-18-18

All the board members introduced themselves. Eric Troutman and Joy Couvillion are the newly elected board members. Present were John Williams, Claire Pittman, Jenny Iverstine, Liz Spaulding, Mike Schexnayder, Ari Kocen, Lynn Hosie, Eric Troutman, Couvillion and Willie and Mary Fontenot. Absent were Greta Corona, Richard Ray, Justin Kozak and Chris Barrett. Charles Sutcliff and Sean Love retired from the board.

Board members signed up for dates when they would host 2018 board meetings. All meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. Hosts will not serve refreshments. There will be a BYOB policy if board members are thirsty. A handout was distributed with dates of meetings and dates and times of neighborhood events.

Board members who were present volunteered to take charge of officer responsibilities and organizing neighborhood events.

John Williams and Claire Pittman, President and V-P, will check emails and respond, post on the website and social media, write monthly newsletters, coordinate and run board meetings and present the annual budget.

Treasurer Liz Spaulding will handle bookkeeping responsibilities, write checks for vendors, including patrols, reimburse board members for approved expenses, file annual taxes and file annual state and federal renewals.

Secretary Jenny Iverstine will (all the things on John's list).

Greta Corona was absent, but we are hoping she will organize the Pop Fizz Stroll again. Jenny Iverstine offered to help.

Ari Kochen offered to be in charge of the Doggie Bag Stations and storing and putting event signs in the medians.

For the Fall Picnic, Lynn Hosie offered to work on the venue and setups. Mary Fontenot offered to help with the food and utensil part of it.

Jenny Iverstine will organize the Holiday Lighting Contest.

Mary Fontenot will organize the Easter Egg Hunt.

Mike Schexnayder will be in charge of the Neighborhood Garage Sale.

Alyse Stevens (Stephens?) will continue decorating the subdivision signs.

Lynn Hosie and Willie Fontenot will deliver New Neighbor Welcoming Packets.

Joy Couvillion volunteered to be the annual meeting coordinator.

Justin Kozak and Chris Barrett were unable to attend, but it is hoped that one of them will take over the membership database.

John Williams will again organize the Crawfish Boil.

Liz and Greta will send thank you cards and stickers to new members.

Social media postings and newsletters will be done by Joy Couvillion, John Williams and Claire Pittman.

Eric Troutman, with help from Adam Knapp, will handle security.

Taylor (last name?) will work on getting corporate sponsorships.

The new initiatives are to have the treasurer take responsibility for paying the off-duty officers, become a no solicitation neighborhood and be better at communication. The Doggie Bag Stations will have stickers with the Garden District logo that say, "If this station is empty, please go to www.gdcabr.org and report it."

The website will have new areas where neighbors will be able to report where alley improvements (grading) are needed, "report a crime/incident" section, and "I'm a new neighbor" section. These will be added one at a time and announced.

It was announced that there seems to be a blight on the leaves of the oak trees on Terrace at Drehr. Mary Fontenot is going to try to get an arborist's opinion.

The budget for the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt was approved at \$400. The budget was outlined, based on 2017 expenditures. The board decided that sending out pie charts of income and expenditures to the neighborhood would make the source and outflow clear.

Communication concerning security is a high priority. Eric Troutman had to leave the meeting before it was over, so any final decisions about a plan of action were deferred.