

## **GDCA Board Meeting – May 10, 2022, 7 pm,**

2040 Kleinert Ave. Host: Preston Bailey

**In Attendance:** Claire Pittman, Preston Bailey, Heather Day, Shelbie Burkett, Michael Crane, Clayton Fields, Mary Fontenot, Willie Fontenot, Ashley Gremillion, Josh Howard, Justin Kozak, Jacob Luneau, Chris Mericas, Michael Myers, Mike Schexnayder, Babeth Schlegel.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Look into Special Event insurance coverage for all events, either individually or as a packet. Many thanks to Kathryn Mount for her work on the event.

**Mid City Rummage Sale** – Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> in the morning - \$10 if you want to register to be on the map.

**Crawfish Boil** – Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2200 block Oleander St.; street closed 2-8pm, event 3-7pm. Weather is threatening rain. Event committee will decide the date on Thursday morning and let the caterer and Board know. Put a sign up in front of John's house designating the new location for the Crawfish Boil.

Raffle- \$10 per raffle ticket for Michael Crane's beautiful chopping block. The money will go to the oaks.

### **Committee Updates**

Committees should meet on their own and give updates at board meetings to save time.

**Communication & Newsletter:** The committee asked the Board to submit ideas for newsletter articles, facilitate fact building and better contact.

**Membership:** Fields, Mike Helms, Nathan McBride, Anne Trapp, Justin Kozak and Mike Helms work on this.

**Alleys:** Entergy trimmed some of the alleys along power lines to prevent outages.

**Welcome Packets:** Heather delivered Champagne to Anne for the packets.

**Dog Bag Stations:** Create a place on the website for anyone to let us know that stations need a refill.

**Drainage:** The Storm Water Flood Plan has been presented at several public meetings. While the Garden District is not listed on any current projects, the designers are aware of the problems on some of our streets. (Cherokee and Tulip among others)

**Signage:** Catherine Leake has been decorating our signs and would like to know what her budget is. The Board would like her to know that she can spend enough to make them nice and would like to know what she needs.

**Events:** The committee will meet this summer. Anne has found some houses for the Champagne Tour. Clayton will help. Preston offered his house. Heather might be able to offer hers, depending upon her work schedule. It will be the day before Halloween. Costumes will be optional. Having a theme was suggested.

**Live Oak Love Collective:** Kimberly has done a great job. She was on **225** online. Clayton said that the City has noticed and is putting some money aside for maintenance of the trees. They

will probably need our contributions too. One Board member paid the city to have four trees in the median in front of his house cut for a very low price.

**Housekeeping:** Heather moved to get a climate-controlled storage unit to keep all the supplies that are in everyone's houses, attics and garages. Clayton seconded it. The move was unanimously approved. Jacob will look into storage units. The budget will probably be about \$1,000 per year. A plan will be devised for how to use it and check items in and out.

**Election:** Justin volunteered to be President. Ashley volunteered to be Vice-President. Both were elected unanimously.

**Action Items:**

**Mary** – Send thank you note to the Maginnis' for the use of their yard.

Ask John and Mike Helms for the membership list and tickets purchased list.

Get set-up and take-down volunteers. Get more registration table volunteers.

Contact Mid City for confirmation regarding table and chairs pickup time. Let Michael and Chris know.

Set up Load-in& Load Out timeline for crawfish boil.

Advertise the raffle. Set time when ticket will be pulled.

Claire requested a list of committees and what jobs fall under them.

Talk with Catherine about the sign decoration budget.

**Babeth** – Buy paper towels, bowls and utensils.

**Event committee:** decide the crawfish boil date on Thursday morning. Let the caterer and Board know.

**Michael and Chris** – Buy heavy weight trash bags. Pick up and return tables and chairs to Mid City Redevelopment Alliance. Ask if they have trash barrels/cans.

**Preston** – Ask Eric Troutman about insurance Event Coverage.

**John and Mike Helms** – Lists of who are members and who has purchased tickets are needed for the crawfish boil registration tables. Some people don't remember if they are members. They pay dues when they are not.

**Ashley (?)**: Create a place on the website to notify the Board that Dog Bag Stations are empty.

**Jacob** – Look into acquiring the use of a climate-controlled storage unit.

**Claire** – Put out more e-Blasts about the Crawfish Boil stressing that it will be on Saturday at a new location.

Many thanks to Board members for your time and dedication.

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