

Collins Place Homeowners Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
July 13, 2016
7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Jacob Rousseau, Jon LeBlanc, Dora Gorey, Tasha Brown,
Jason Shavers
Not attending: n/a

Jason called the meeting to order and welcomed new Board member Jon LeBlanc. He then suggested that the draft violation letters be reviewed and approved for distribution. After review, the letters were unanimously approved for distribution.

The financial documents were reviewed. The Aged-Owner Balance was discussed and it was determined that 7 homeowners remain in arrears for 2016 assessments. Discussion ensued regarding the best way to collect the arrears with minimal cost to the HOA. It was agreed that notices would be sent again prior to proceeding with costly legal action.

A suggestion was made by a resident for the placement of "No Soliciting" signs at the entrance of the neighborhood. Apparently there are numerous solicitors from outside our neighborhood and it has become a nuisance and cause for concern as some have entered back yards. The Board agreed that a sign was a good idea and voted to install one. (Follow-up: Jason shared that after researching the signs, enforcing such was not easy as some companies have parish-wide permits to sell door to door, therefore posting a sign on a residents' door along with a conversation that the solicitor was not welcome was better suited). However, after further review, the Board agreed that a sign near the entrance would put outside solicitors on notice that their visits to our neighborhood are not welcome. **The sign is NOT intended to prohibit neighborhood children from door-to-door sales of school, church or sports fundraisers or fundraisers for other activities in support of neighborhood children and families.**

Jason discussed that the new light purchased for the entrance was not working as intended. It was too large and obstructed the fountain and entrance sign. The light would be returned and a replacement has been ordered. An invoice for the proposed replacement was reviewed and the expense unanimously approved by the Board.

A resident requested assistance with trapping nutria on the lakes. Apparently there are so many they have become a nuisance. Additional information was needed for the Board to make a decision as to how best to address this issue.

The Board discussed the upcoming Fall neighborhood social and approved a date of September 10th as it is an away game for LSU and starts in early evening. Jason stated he had spoken with the Mr. Bill Coxe and he agreed to allow us to use the lots at the corner of Williamsburg and Concord for the neighborhood to

gather for the social. The lot would be cut once by Mr. Coxe's grandson, with their tractor, and would need to be cut again with a lawn mower and weedeater by someone in the neighborhood. Jacob volunteered to get prices on tents, tables, chairs and blow-up jump jumps. There was discussion regarding a live band versus a DJ. It was agreed a DJ could probably provide more diverse music at a discounted price. Dora volunteered to get some volunteers together to organize the children's activities. Jon volunteered to cook jambalaya for the event. Other food would be catered as needed.

Jason said that Mr. Coxe committed to having the Developers' lots cut this week – weather permitting. The grass on these lots has gotten too tall and it was requested that they be cut more often.

The budget was reviewed and it was agreed the expenditures were stable and there is no cause for concern or revision at this point in time.

Jason mentioned that a resident had suggested installing seasonal flags on the light poles throughout the neighborhood. This suggestion was tabled for the moment and will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

Dora discussed the work done on the newsletter. It should be ready to send out to residents by the end of the week.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.