

VICIA

General Membership Meeting

January 23, 2018

Before meeting was called to order, President P.J. McIntyre swore in Mark Fradella as a director for the board of 2018. Mark was not present at the swearing in of the new board at the Board of Directors meeting held January 9, 2018.

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm and quorum was established with the following board members present: P.J. McIntyre, Bonnie Benischek, Randy and Mae Bode, Mark and Sylvia Fradella, Gabe Black, Dodie and Whitney Dupre, JoAnna Cleveland and Dean and Wendy Marullo.

Pledge was led by P.J. and prayer led by Nancy Bell.

P.J. announced that the pizzas for tonight's meeting were donated by the owner of Papa John's pizza on Bullard.

P.J. announced a public thank you to Nancy and Cleve Bell for this many years of service to the residents of Venetian Isles and then introduced all new board members to the general membership.

Treasury report as of October was \$7347.10 in checking and \$28,117.83 in savings. The new board is in the process of getting the banking switched over and will have an update as soon as it is possible. In addition, we have done a yearly audit of the books when the new boards have taken office and will do so this year as well. On that committee is Dodie, Wendy and Kelly Koffler.

Santa Boat was a big success with close to 300 children. In addition, VICIA collected \$610.00 in docking fees and \$385.00 in dues for this event.

The website is updated thanks to Mark and Bonnie and can be visited @ VICIANOLA.com.

Tentative dates have been set for the following events:

- * February 24-Membership appreciation dance
- * March 24- Golf Cart parade
- * May 19-Crawfish Cook-off
- * June 9-Poker Run

- * September 21, 22 & 23-Fishing Rodeo
- * November 10-Food Drive. We plan to have pick up for those needing it.
- * October 21-Ironman Race
- * October 31-Spook House
- * December 15-Santa Boat

P.J. announced that some of our wooden Christmas lawn decorations were taken from the gardens over the holidays. He also announced that we are always looking for volunteers for the decorating of our gardens.

Guest speakers tonight are: ** Robin Pittman who is running for 4th circuit court of appeal, Division F. Early voting is 3/10/2018 with actual voting day being 3/24/2018.

**Cyndy Nguyen-council person elect. She will appear live on Facebook every Sunday @ 7pm. She shares all the things that she is doing and tries making herself accessible to people through this live feed. She also holds once a month-Community coffee where she will come out from 10:30-11:00am to discuss any issues. Let her know if this is something our neighborhood would be interested in as she is already doing this for other neighborhoods in New Orleans East.

**Our next General Membership meeting is April 17th and Ms. Nguyen will have a representative from Sewerage and Water Board at that meeting.

Garden Club representative, Bonnie Benischek announced that the Garden Club donated \$600.00 to the Puerto Rico hurricane victims. Bonnie also announced that the Garden Club will hold it's auction at Linda Giroir's home, on February 5th from 7-9. The event is a fundraiser for various charities.

Papa John's will be delivering pizzas to our neighborhood but requires a \$25.00 minimum.

P.J. announced that anyone having any questions or concerns, VICIA be reached by vicianola@gmail.com and there is a link to this on the VICIANOLA.com website.

50/50 was \$27.50.

With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

P.J. McIntyre(President)

Wendy Marullo(Recording Secretary)

