

## **OANA General Meeting Minutes 05-23-19**

Around 30 people attended the May General Meeting, held at the Maumus Center and convened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

Election results were announced. Since all Officer and Board Member nominees were unopposed, there was no need for a vote. The volunteers for these positions are:

- President — Barry Lemoine
- Vice President — Troy Barrios
- Secretary — Linda Van Aman
- Treasurer — Alison Barrios
- Board Members — (incumbents) Sal Cusimano, Ray Lauga, Jenifer Heintz, (newly nominated) Georgia Rilette and Shelli Gifford

Thanks were extended to all who participate & volunteer.

Since our last meeting, we held one very successful Sippin' in the Sunset in March, with Kenny Kerth Jass, Susan Sangria and lots of fun, and had a very disappointing cancellation in May due to dangerous weather conditions. Sippin' will be back in the Fall.

We were also invited to participate in Parish President Guy McInnis's inaugural Family Fest Gumbo Cookoff. One of our Board Members cooked up an amazing pot of gumbo, while others set up and decorated our booth, and served samples to festival attendees. The "Old Arabi Roux Krewe" did a great job representing us!

The required May Financial Report showed a balance of \$24,000 in our operating account: \$7296 remaining of \$10,000 earmarked for beautification projects, \$10,600 in the Smith Culinary Scholarship fund (with an endowment option to be considered by the Board), \$970 in dues collected, and \$2945 proceeds from the March Sippin'. Sales of soft drinks and water have been passed on to other organizations. Due to increased attendance at these events, we'll be incurring a new expense for a recommended extra police detail. Thanks to President Guy McInnis and Sheriff Jimmy Pohlmann for their sponsorship of the band at Sippin'.

We now have a PayPal account, which allows members to pay dues online, and will enable sales of public event tickets and merchandise, and the collection of sponsorship & vendor fees.

The Maumus Center 2019 STEM Science Camps will be offered again in June, with various program dates for elementary and middle grades (see slide show).

Members were encouraged to direct any Short Term Rental concerns in the neighborhood to Jeff McClain: telephone 504-278-4200, email [dmcclain@sbsp.net](mailto:dmcclain@sbsp.net). Be sure to document the date and address of the complaint or compliance issue, and be as specific as possible. Remember: the squeaky wheel gets the grease!

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to brainstorming ideas for the association

to work on. Each table was given a questionnaire asking for input in these areas:

- guest speakers
- beautification
- philanthropy
- socials
- membership
- concerns

The responses will be discussed by the Board and presented to the membership at a future General Meeting.

Door prizes were awarded, members were thanked for attending and being involved, and thanks were given to the Maumus Center for hosting the meeting, which was adjourned at 6:36.