

# Old Arabi Neighborhood Association Meeting

April 2018



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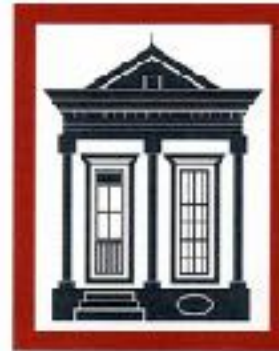
# AGENDA: Membership & Year in Review

1. Pledge
2. What's New
3. Upcoming Sippin
4. Bylaws Review
5. Other Info
6. Door Prize
7. Adjournment



**What's NEW in  
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# Art Utility Box

OANA partnered with **Visions Unlimited** to commission local artist Sabrina Schmidt to beautify an Arabi utility box. Her design incorporates **Indigo**, one of the first cash crops in the area.



# Street Banners on St. Claude

Office of Tourism  
Tourist Commission  
Meraux Foundation



# Chew Rouge



Outdoor Dining  
Family Friendly  
Dine in or carry out.

Call or text your orders in to  
**504-314-9342** for pickup.

Visit their facebook page or website for menu  
and details



# Top Chef Scholarship

To continue to the Mitchell Smith Culinary Legacy, OANA will award a \$250 scholarship to a the CHS senior, a finalist in this year's inaugural competition at Maumus Center.





# March 15 Sippin

**Great Weather**



**Great Music**



**Great Turnout**



# Sippin in the Sunset 2018



**Sippin' With Ya Mom and Dem!**

Thursday May 10th 6 - 9 pm at the Aycock Barn

# Back by Popular Demand- Kenny Kerth Jass



Thanks to our volunteers !





2018 will be the **10th Anniversary of the Sugar Festival**. If you are interested in helping to make it even sweeter, sign up for the Sugar Fest Committee with Ray Lauga.

# Bylaws Review

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# Why?

The bylaws from which we have been working are from 1999. After Katrina, OANA was dormant for several years.

As a result, our 501c-3 status was jeopardized, and we were advised to get into good standing first before making any changes.

The current bylaws are somewhat vague and outdated and our aim in making these changes is to be reflective of what OANA has been doing since we reorganized several years ago.

Some changes were simply cosmetic or grammatical and the bylaws were converted into a digital format for easier navigation.

# Changes & Rationale

## **Article III MEMBERSHIP**

The biggest change regarding membership is that ANYONE can be a member of OANA if they support the mission of the association BUT voting privileges are limited to those who reside in Old Arabi.

We encourage all business and property owners in the area to join OANA, but the logistics of confirming - who owns property? how many properties? how many businesses are operating out of one building? who votes, the owner or the renter? Enforcing so many different scenarios would be very difficult to manage.

# Changes & Rationale

Under the proposed changes, there will still be two classes of membership

ACTIVE VOTING MEMBERS - Those who live in Old Arabi.

ASSOCIATE NON VOTING MEMBERS - Any person, business, or corporation who wants to attend the meetings and social gatherings of OANA.



# Changes & Rationale

The Sr. Citizen Membership was deleted since our dues are currently only \$20 as opposed to \$100 in 1999.

Meeting dates were changed to every other month - Jan, March, May, July, September, October, and November. Odd months for Oana. The specific date (third Thursday was omitted to provide some flexibility)

There are now two socials: Night Out vs Crime in October and Holiday/ Christmas in December.

The August social was deleted since we have two Sippin events and Sugar Fest in the fall.

## Changes & Rationale

**IV Governing Body:** All is the same except the requirement to have a specific number of Board members from certain streets.

**VI Duties & Rights:** Officers and Board Members elected in May assume a two-year term.

**VII Election of Officers:** Elections will take place every two years. Eligibility to hold office is limited to ACTIVE members.

**X:** Since email and website provide current information, the newsletter has been omitted.

# Changes & Rationale

## XI - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Bylaws should be difficult to change, so no changes were made in this section.

The proposed changes meet all the requirements.

We need a 2/3 vote of all members present on Thursday, May 24 to ratify.



Thank you for your feedback,  
questions and suggestions submitted  
through our email request.

# Speeding & Safety

OANA member Judyth Weir requested a speed indicator sign for Friscoville from the Sheriff's office 5 weeks ago.

There are four indicators in the Parish. One is permanently placed on Palmisano during baseball season, but one should come available by the first of next week. There is currently one operating on Lebeau.

Several items from OANA member Emily Slazer's car were stolen recently. She wants to remind everyone to "LOCK YOUR VEHICLES."

# Other Ideas



# FYI

## 2017 SHORT TERM RENTALS



STR-2017-001- Larry Landry, 322 Friscoville, Arabi, LA 70032. Received August 11, 2017

STR-2017-002- Gary Estopinal, 409 Community St, Arabi, LA 70032. Received October 5, 2017.

STR-2017-003- Judith Guillot, 722 Friscoville, Arabi, LA 70032. Received November 27, 2017.

## 2018 SHORT TERM RENTALS

STR-2018-001- Shirley Barreca, 714 Mehle St, Arabi, LA 70032. Received January 23, 2018

STR-2018-002- Jami Dimitious, 420 Friscoville, Arabi, LA 70032. Received April 6, 2018.

# Thank you to our Committee Chairs

Beautification

Troy & Linda

Sunshine

Jenifer

Hospitality

Kelly

Articles

Sal

Membership



Financial

Alison



# THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Thank you for being here tonight and for your involvement in OANA.

Thanks Gena for hosting us.

**Sippin in the Sunset - May 10th**

**OANA Meeting -May 24th**

Don't forget to

- renew your membership,
- encourage your neighbors to get involved,
- and keep your tax dollars in the parish!

See you next time!