

## **OANA General Meeting Minutes 05-15-2024**

The May General Meeting was held on 5/15 at the Community Center of St. Bernard, 7143 St. Claude Ave. Around 25 people attended, and the meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

President Alison Barrios reported on a very successful Trash Day, held on April 21st as part of Keep Louisiana Beautiful's Love the Boot Week. Turnout was good despite a rather rainy day, as quite a few members and friends spent several hours collecting 29 bags of trash, moving several large objects and a tire, opening up buried storm drains, clearing tree limbs and vegetation from ditches, and forming several piles for the Parish to pick up. Photos were taken to send to the Parish. Some of the piles have yet to be picked up; member Mark Abshire volunteered to dispose of the rest. The Parish should scrape N. Peters Street from Domino's to Angela. Several volunteers complained of mylar debris shed by a float parked on Aycock. Council Member Patrice Cusimano can look into it if someone will furnish an address.

Sippin' in the Sunset will be held next week, on Thursday the 23rd. Volunteers are always needed for setup, bar shifts, regular trash bin pickup and bathroom checks, and help breaking down. A signup sheet was provided, along with signup sheets for other volunteer opportunities

A repeat of last summer's Pub Sprawl will be scheduled for dates TBD in June - August, during the hottest part of the summer so that folks can enjoy A/C and support bars during a traditionally slow season.

Sugar Fest will be on October 19th this year, with Ray Lauga as Chair. Watch for organizational meetings to start in the summer. Due to popular demand, a Holiday Market similar to Sippin' is also being considered.

### In Neighborhood Notes:

- OAB will celebrate their 1st Anniversary on Saturday, June 8th
- Lighthouse Books and Records has several events planned over the next few weeks — check them out on FaceBook
- A Tall Ship — a Spanish training vessel — will be sailing up the river and is expected to dock at around 1:00 on Sunday
- Nunez Community College will hold their gala on Saturday

Kim Janneck gave us details about the Knights of Nemesis, St. Bernard's only parading Mardi Gras Krewe. Dues are \$200/year, and 18 people are required to make up a float. The organization holds monthly events, with their traditional luau coming up in August. After that, dues will increase to \$250/year. The Krewe also sponsors Hook a Kid on Fishing Rodeo, happening this year on June 1st. Next year's parade is February 22nd at 1 pm.

Congratulations went out to Ingrid and Hector Toruno for their Yard-of-the-Month award. Attendees were reminded to nominate themselves or their neighbors for future

recognition.

New OANA yard flags will be available soon; the updated version will be much more durable, and will be for sale at \$5 each.

The meeting was adjourned at around 6:45. Attendees who brought plants for the swap received tickets at the checkin table, and were given first dibs on plants of their choice. Others were invited to follow suit.

The next General Meeting will be at the Community Center on Wednesday, July 17th at 6 pm.