

Eden Isles HOA General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2019

Tammany Yacht Club

7:01pm - 8:19pm

Board Members present: Enrae Lanfredi, Tim Sykes, Deb Horrocks, Cindy Franatovich, Jerri Candebat, LaTanya Black, Catherine Hammel.

Call to order and pledge of allegiance

Food Sponsor:

Sue Milligan, Certified Reverse Mortgage Professional

- Started banking career in 1982 with Dixie Homestead.
- Started as a teller, worked up to branch manager.
- Moved into mortgage lending in 1996.
- Wanted to be the #1 specialist in the state and help seniors make informed and educated decisions.
- Member of National Reverse Mortgages Association since 2008.
- 2010 certification program was implemented requiring all reverse mortgage specialists to have additional classes and testing.
- In 2013, became Louisiana's first and only certified reverse mortgage professional.
- She is very proud of this designation and the chance to bring education, information and awareness to seniors across the U.S.
- She is licensed in 49 states.
- Stresses the importance of having the right professional who is informed.
- Would like to return to our next meeting to provide information on how the program works, debunk myths, explain regulatory changes.
- The number one concern of seniors is outliving their money.
- Flyers, brochures, and business cards provided. Free education, no obligation.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Charles Preston, St. Tammany Parish Coroner

With Dr. Lisa Leonard (wife)

- Hosted camp from Mandeville Waterworks today, just one example of the things he does.
- Trained as an emergency physician at LSU in 1985, residency at Charity Hospital in 1988.
- 20 years at Charity.
- Opened Doctors Urgent Care, Robert Blvd., Slidell.
- Retired 2014.
- Elected Coroner in 2014, ran unopposed in 2016, next election, 2020.

He gave us an overview of what a coroner does:

- Coroner's office investigates every death in parish.

- Range from simple and expected to larger scale investigations, with federal agencies and other emergency management teams, to figure out cause and manner.
- Investigations of sexual assault survivors.
 - Delegate to hospital emergency physicians
 - Sexual assault nurse examining program has been developed
 - 2 full time RNs, some part time RNs
 - 40+ hours education and training for sexual assault exams
 - Work with an advocate who looks out for victim
 - Victim participates voluntarily
 - Lead entity for our region (includes St. Tammany, Washington, St. Helena, Livingston, and Tangipahoa Parishes).
 - Revenue stream: Fee charged and paid by the hospital. Money comes from Crime Victims Reparation Fund.
 - In house DNA lab (only coroner's office in state) can process faster than state lab.
 - Millage that comes up for renewal in 2024. Keep in mind all that coroner's office does.
- Major product line: Mental Health
 - Serious suicide problem in St. Tammany Parish.
 - Peaked in 2014.
 - 2018- 52 suicides, highest in history.
 - Approx. 21 per 100,000
 - National average 14 per 100,000
 - Dr. Preston investigated every case in 2014 to determine profile of suicide victims.
 - He found the trend to be, white male, approx. 50 years old, with quick access to a gun.
 - In the process of creating Safe Haven Project
 - Single point of entry in mental health and substance abuse treatment.
 - Used to determine what level of help people need.
 - Involved in involuntary commitment procedure (Order for protective custody- OPC) for people who are
 - A danger to themselves (suicidal)
 - A danger to others (homicidal)
 - Greatly disabled (can't take care of themselves)
 - Leads to Physicians Emergency Certificate (PEC)
 - Gives authority to hold person for 72 hours for mental evaluation
 - Psychiatrist evaluated
- Administration
 - Policies/procedures
 - Staff management
 - Office relies on outside audits.

Guest Speaker:

Mary Dubuisson, LA State Representative and resident of our neighborhood

- Just participated in her first legislative session.
- Introduced her guest, Dr. Gloria Peters, Nurse Practitioner
- Also, introduced her husband Eric (“Mr. Mary”) and thanked him for his support.
- Referred to her representative pin and the respect given due to having/wearing the pin. Yet she is still approachable and proud to be so.
- LA House:
 - 105 Representatives
 - 39 Senators
 - 23 women: 18 house/5 senate
 - 10 freshmen
 - 40 term limited this coming election cycle
 - Committees: 16
- Committee placement is made through an appointment by Speaker and Governor
 - Her committees: Insurance, Civil Law and Procedure, Municipal, Parochial and Cultural District
 - Loved all of them because she learned something on every one of them.
- Even years, general bills
- Odd years fiscal bills.
- Seatmate, Kevin Pearson, also a LA Representative.
- She presented 5 bills and 2 resolutions:
 - First bill for Officer Jason Seals Memorial Hwy. (local officer killed in the line of duty)
 - Others included: hearsay/advocacy, eliminating discrimination in jury selection, health portion of retirement fund for sheriff’s office, Blue Cross Blue Shield, which ended up getting pulled.
- Kids activity books available from her. Teaches kids how a bill becomes a law and some things to learn about the state.

Her takeaways from the experience:

- Surprised to learn about some of the things you have to pass a law for.
 - Ex: Auditor for homestead exemptions so people don’t claim more than one home.
- Most important thing in legislature is relationships over sharing knowledge.
- While some other reps have other jobs, Mary plans to devote her time solely to her position as Rep. to bring back money to us and our area.
- Impressed by how well people get along and respect one another.

Her message to us:

- She stresses the importance of hearing from us on the issues, relying on us for our input. She also mentions the opportunity to visit the legislature and be recognized and bring awareness to people's issues.
- Contact her office, if by email, include bill to be addressed in subject line for quick reference (ex: bill # and for or against). She references the website in being able to see them in action, see archives, or even follow the progress of a bill.

Current and ongoing issues:

- She has been contacted about the exit off I-10 at Oak Harbor/Eden Isles.
 - People are requesting traffic lights here. That is not in any current plans for DOTD. While that exit is getting some work done, that will not include any traffic lights.
 - Work being done: cable barriers, interchange lighting, overlay, and ramp raising. Upcoming alternating single lane closures for on/off ramps in both directions. One lane will remain open.
- Question for Mary about any plans to help traffic at that intersection with the upcoming new residences being built and Middendorf's opening soon.
 - This intersection has become increasingly dangerous.
 - She is meeting with DOTD tomorrow and will address that with them.
- Highway 11 Bridge:
 - 2 year project
 - Completely rebuilding
 - Will be opened and closed as needed in conjunction with hurricane season.

Reading of the minutes (These were provided in newsletter (by mail) previous to meeting.)

- Motion made, by Cindy Franatovich, to dispense with the reading of minutes.
- Seconded by Jerri Candebat.

Treasurer's Report (Enrae Lanfredi)

- 319 paid members
- \$40,813 influx
- \$19,951 expenses (grass cutting, utilities, camera, etc)
- \$20,862 net income for the year
- \$96,132 total funds including savings
- Included in the budget, which was made last year, was the money given to us from Coastal Env. for beautification. We are not currently receiving that money so that effects our budget. We are working on getting that reinstated to have some of that money for our budget.

- Deb informed us that we heard from them today. They will be sending us money, but it will not be as much as we received in the past due to not as many residents using their services. She encourages anyone thinking of switching services to consider them. This would give the HOA a dollar back for every resident who uses their service which is \$73/quarter.
- Tim encourages using them for decreasing traffic in the neighborhood by having only one truck coming through. He informs us that they have been inspected, have a clean facility, and good training for their employees, and an overall impressive operation. They were invited to speak but their rep. had a last minute conflict and was unable to attend.
- A question was asked about recycling service. Tim has spoken with someone about that and found out that recycling has become cost prohibitive. Many businesses in our area and others have gotten out of the business of recycling. Without a high volume, it's not cost effective. Other parishes no longer have recycling programs either.

Neighborhood Watch (not present, nothing to report)

Welcome Committee (Catherine Hammel)

- She dropped off a welcome packet to a new resident tonight.
- Let her know if you know of anyone new to the neighborhood.

Notices and Announcements

- Recent meeting took place with some board members, neighborhood residents and Michele Blanchard (Parish Council Rep) pertaining to street pavement and overlay.
 - Residents unhappy with the method of repavement to repave all the way to the curb, not leaving the drainage at the curb open.
 - Encouraged to meet with Pat Brister who was not interested in making any changes or improving the situation.
 - The upcoming paving on Eden Isles Blvd. will not be affected. This will be done when the Clipper/Moonraker bridge is completely finished.
 - Michele provided information on how to be considered each year for annual street maintenance. This will give us a chance to make improvements each year on the streets in our neighborhood.
- A movie from the Bill & Ted franchise will be filmed in our neighborhood, in July. Location will be on Ondine. Arrangements have already been made. Heavy vehicles will be parked at Harbor Center. Shuttles will be coming from there. Security will be posted.
- We are still looking for volunteers to coordinate community events as well as a website coordinator.
 - Event coordinator(s) manages movie nights, ice cream socials, etc.
- Next ice cream social is tomorrow night on Rampage Loop. Everyone is welcome for this.

- Luau
 - Saturday, August 10, 7-11pm
 - Carr Dr. Firestation.
 - Bring a dish
 - Music (TBD), dancing, lots of fun
 - Tickets: \$20 and are available now.
 - Entertainment will either be a band or DJ.
 - This is a really fun event!

- Vice President Deb Horrocks has found an opportunity for us to be named, *St. Tammany Parish Scenic Neighborhood*
 - We meet the requirements:
 - We have an HOA.
 - We work to preserve the beauty of the neighborhood.
 - We have a unique presence.
 - She spoke with Michele Blanchard
 - One requirement: 51% of neighborhood to petition to name ours as a scenic neighborhood
 - If 51% of those in attendance at an HOA meeting showed interest, she would pursue this for us.
 - Parish Council can make the suggestion
 - This will add pride to the neighborhood along with value.
 - This presentation was well received and those at the meeting were very interested.
 - There was a motion from Jerri Candebat to approach council, this was seconded by Tony Lanfredi.
 - A vote was taken and was unanimous for going forward with this project. There were no votes against.

- Tim addressed the recent meeting which took place with the parish pertaining to the short term rentals.
 - No new progress or decisions have been made regarding this, as of the latest meeting.
 - Catherine informed us that there was a group working on clarifying language for some of the amendments. They are still working on the issue. She suggested contacting people from the Parish Council to let them know our concerns.
 - The next meeting will be here in Slidell and Tim encourages everyone to attend these meetings as well as levee board meetings.

- Tim explained about the ongoing project of repairing and replacing our wooden street signs (included in budget under beautification). This is something we are working on to keep our neighborhood looking nice.

- The board (and volunteers) will be putting up flags at houses for the July 4th holiday. These are brought to the neighborhood by and from the HOA board.

**Door prizes, white ticket, everyone receives one for attendance.

Donated by Cindy Franatovich

5 prizes given

**50/50 raffle: \$62 collected, winner gets \$31.

Winner: Deb Horrocks

Adjournment at 8:19pm