

## RIRA Monthly Meeting Minutes, 7/21/22

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Lamm. Due to Bruno's restaurant closing, Copley Parish (at the end of Anchor Dr.) was kind enough to allow our meeting there at the last moment. Attendance was less than normal despite the free pizzas, sodas, chips and cookies donated by RIRA. (Tom's pecan cookies were the best.) Dave Coon was in attendance, so to prevent him from winning the 50/50 raffle for the third time, the raffle was canceled.

Previous meeting minutes were read by John Berry. Anita Sands gave the treasurer's report showing a balance in our account of \$6104. Approved future expenditures are \$1557, leaving an anticipated future balance of \$4547.

Tom Lamm announced plans for another Yoga Night, \$10 per person. Date TBD. Another Paint Night will be scheduled for next year. The last one brought \$165 into our treasury.

Sarah and Jeremy Wachtel's Composting Project will be launched soon. It will be located at Copley Parish--- details will be forthcoming. RIRA donated \$750 towards this important neighborhood project, which could possibly used to defray our December yard waste pick-up costs and may also allow us to support a Spring pick-up.

A boat tie-up is scheduled for Saturday Aug. 6, location TBD after Director Joyce Brown investigates the sea grass situation at Maxwell Pt. Since the Marina will be having a boat/kayak Poker Run, RIRA will not have one of our own.

The Crab Feast is scheduled for Sept. 17 at Portside North. Tickets are on sale now--- \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members. Crab costs have increased like everything else, but non-members can join RIRA at any time to get the reduced price. Family Fun Day is scheduled for Oct. 15 (rain date on the 16<sup>th</sup>) at Ron and Sarah Parker's yard. Games, hot dogs, sodas and admission will be free of charge. Contact Director Suzanne Kozarski to volunteer to help. Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Dec. 8, location TBD. Christmas caroling is scheduled for Dec. 16.

Anita Sands reported that there have been few participants in our monthly photo contest. She will continue the contest for another 2 months and re-evaluate. She is also working on getting a guest speaker for our meetings who will present information on the Joppa Colonial Excavation Project. She also reported that someone thought RIRA complained to the County about a new resident's tow truck. After polling the directors, she responded and corrected that assumption, and invited the new resident to our meetings. However, RIRA can intervene on property issues when warranted.

John Berry reported on the latest County water testing results. The threshold bacteria count of 104 was exceeded by the samples drawn from east of Mariner's Point (117) and south of the point (353). The sample drawn from west of the point was OK at 33. The pollution may be coming from Foster Branch and/or the Bird River and/or the Bay. Sampling occurs every 2 weeks. We will monitor to see if a pattern develops which would cause us to consider additional testing to determine from what type of source the bacteria originates.

Director Ralph Comegna was thanked for planting 5 trees and establishing the garden at the entrance sign at Shore and Town Center. He reports that he has enough volunteers to maintain this and the other sign gardens. He also has a crew ready to pick-up trash and cut back vegetation on the first part of Shore Dr. on Oct. 15, but he can always use more volunteers. He also mentioned that the counterweight to the draw bridge fell into the water years ago, and that if the draw bridge could be restored, taller boats could be purchase by R.I. residents, and also bring more business to the struggling Marina, which is a resource we need. Tom Lamm will take the lead on this inquiry.

There are 2 downed trees on Shore which the County appears to be planning to remove. Residents are encouraged to report things like this as well as other public works issues that need attention using the “click and fix” button on the County’s website. Grass growing in the curbs on Shore is one of those issues.

Also on Oct. 15, Barbara Risacher will need help preparing the grounds at Copley Parish for the Oct. 22 Historical Fall Festival there. RIRA will sponsor an informational table about our organization (\$20), but she also requested a RIRA donation.

Our next monthly meeting will be held at Copley Parish, pending resolution of a schedule conflict.

Submitted by

John Berry