



South Creek Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 • 7:00 p.m.  
Kinningham Park Clubhouse

2008 SCNA Board

President: Carolyn Thibodaux  
Vice President: James Janik (absent)  
Treasurer: Angie Smith  
Secretary: Tracy Colello  
Information/Newsletter Officer: JoAnn Herrera  
Safety Officer: Ray Thibodaux

SCNA president Carolyn Thibodaux called the meeting to order around 7:10pm. Copies of the meeting agenda and the bylaws were available.

The duties of each board member were listed and nominations were taken.

Nominations for 2009 SCNA Board:

President: Mark Killingbeck  
Vice President: Joe Valadez  
Treasurer: Angie Smith  
Secretary: Tracy Colello  
Information/Newsletter Officer: JoAnn Herrera  
Safety Officer: Brooks Colson

All members in attendance voted in favor of the candidates.

Treasurer Angie Smith gave a financial report.

Current Balance:     \$702.92  
                              - 43.09 (fee for 2009 web site subscription) Reimbursement to Carolyn Thibodaux  
                              **\$659.83**

Carolyn also let everyone know what the dues SCNA collects are used for:

- PO Box rental
- Web site fee
- Newsletter printing cost
- Refreshments at the meeting
- Easter candy and bunny suit
- Renewal of Sam's Club membership for use in purchases for association activities.

Membership dues of \$10 per household are now due.

The main discussion included concern about low membership and attendance. We haven't been inviting speakers to the meetings because of low attendance. Angie noted that last year, there were 50 members

out of a possible 1100. We can meet in the park building free for our yearly meeting. After that it is \$200 for 4 hours. We can still use it for National Night Out because that is more of a city-wide event, but for the Easter Egg Hunt we will just use the park, not the building. For such a short event, we should be fine. The city did add a new sidewalk and ramp to access to the building but has no plans to add restrooms outside for the park

How do we improve communications and increase membership without being able to meet more frequently? We will continue sending out newsletters on an as-needed basis. It was agreed to continue using Document Engine to print newsletters at 3.5 cents per page and keep them short. We will continue to encourage members to join the email list (possibly to decrease the number of newsletters needing to be printed) and look for more block captains. We will continue to update the web site, including information on scams forwarded from the police department. Brooks may be able to help with the website in the future. He is creating a Yahoo group to help communicate faster. Members' information will not be shared, and the group will be moderated. Another idea is to have a raffle as part of a membership drive. SCNA will continue to use signs advertising meetings, food drives, and garage sales. The large garage sale banner can't be on the apartment fence because of confusion that the apartment was part of the garage sale. We discussed whether there are any other locations we could hold meetings.

Carolyn encouraged the newly elected president to hold a board meeting soon, to address the SCNA bylaws, which haven't been updated since 2004. It was also suggested that block captains help with nominations for Yard of the Month, which is held from April through December.

Finally, Joe Valadez reviewed the recent events on Sycamore Cove. There are concerns about the activities our neighborhood late at night, especially the behavior of teens. The police can be called to report illegal activities and we can remind everyone that there are city curfew laws. Some block captains may want to find out more about the neighborhood watch program.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Colello