

## Minutes of HSTCA Board Meeting

Sunday, 10 July 2011

Members Present: Jeff Duhe, June Pulliam, John Sykes, Allan Williams, Travis Moore, Margaret Fox, Gene Ransome

Guests: Derek White, Father Pat, Beverly, Michael Beck, Doc l'Herrison, Mary Jane Marcantel

Jeff Duhe called the meeting to order at 6:35

June Pulliam acted as secretary as Terri McKinny was absent

Treasurer Gene Ransome reported that the HSTCA currently has a bank balance of \$115.26. We have not received a promised check from DDD since last year. We had a one time donation to beautification from a commercial business on North St., which came in during Mardi Gras. T-shirts sales this year netted us \$1825 to pay our security patrol, but those funds were exhausted in May.

Jeff pointed out that the lion's share of the HSTCA's money has been spent on security, and that we have had to dip into most of our account since DDD suddenly stopped giving the neighborhood association the money that has been promised to us. After Alexandra Engler was murdered last year, DDD did make an attempt to give security money to Beauregard Town. However, this effort backfired—the city objected to NGOs being given money with no strings attached, thus nullifying the money given to us and Beauregard Town unless we signed an onerous contract that required we purchased worker's comp and liability insurance for the officers who patrolled the neighborhood, that we pay for an annual audit, and that we come up with \$5000 in matching funds. We could not afford to sign the contract.

The remainder of the meeting was given over to discussing progress made by the beautification committee in getting trees trimmed whose branches regularly shut down the electricity in parts of the neighborhood when the wind blows them against a wire. This disruption of power is more than just a nuisance—it is costly and even life threatening. Several residents have lost electronics due to the power surge caused when these trees disrupt the flow of electricity into their homes. Moreover, one resident's life is in peril when his breathing machine is cut off due to this disruption.

No official Board action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.