



Les Amis de Marigny

Helping to make Marigny a better place to live, work and play

October Letter from the President

By Lisa Suarez

Dear Members,

After having been President for the past two years, I am willing to serve again, though it would be impossible for me to keep the same pace. By the time you read this, the Officer assignments to be made by the new Board of Directors may still not have been finalized until Wednesday, October 5th, the day before the New Orleans City Council shows their true spirit by their Short Term Rentals Decision.

As a non-profit chartered community group, the history of FMIA is impressive. In 45 years of community engagement, we helped reshape New Orleans Lower Riverfront. More than 2,000 homes and commercial buildings in Marigny and Bywater have seen renovations and restoration efforts, transforming our neighborhoods from too many neglected and blighted properties into the internationally recognized historic jewel we have become.

In addition to renovators and builders, we have also seen a renaissance in our business community, with continued expansion on Frenchmen, (albeit with more intensity than planned), and throughout the Triangle. The growth on St. Claude and elsewhere in the Rectangle is amazing from virtually every point of view as young entrepreneurs risk all to create long-lasting businesses.

Anyone paying attention knows the FMIA is not shy about efforts to protect our neighborhood from both City Hall and business interests that are contrary to our majority point of view. Two examples of our success in defending Marigny post-Katrina were stopping the frozen chicken processing plant at the Governor Nicholls Wharf, and the

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75-foot building at 501 Elysian Fields. These wins were classic examples of Community power and participation. Size Matters!

Today FMIA is at a crossroads between an aging membership that dates back to the early 1970's, and the new reality in which many new potential members exist. Pioneer members are retiring, with some cashing out and leaving Marigny for places less expensive and safer. Whatever my next title is, and I would like to finish what I started, it is imperative we concentrate on recruiting new members.

For those of you who've looked at the page where Board Members are listed, you may have noticed below it a list of 20 committees including the Newsletter, Blight and Marigny Green. Reality is, with the exception of annual events like the Home Tour, FMIA has NO active or working year-round committees.

I believe fixing this organizational situation, recruiting new members and promoting FMIA through good PR and targeted posts on sites like NextDoor Marigny, needs to be our biggest priority over the next year and beyond. There is nothing wrong with FMIA that couldn't be cured by 20

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new and engaged members in our residential and business community, annually. They're out there — we need only ask.

Here is what I propose, as experience has shown that without additional committee meetings per month, expecting accomplishment through email and phone contact for approvals alone puts all the pressure on many fewer than 9 Board Members.

1. Executive Committee

President, VP, one Secretary plus 2 new Board members with, hopefully, media/PR or political experience.

Duties include executive decisions of Direction, Message and Tone of FMIA in consultation with Board and General membership.

- a) Efforts protecting FM from City Hall (Lawsuit.)
- b) Editing team with "final approval" for all correspondence, President's letter, Opinion pieces and other issues deemed controversial. This smaller group will make the editing process faster & easier. When there are two opposing views we can print a "Point Counter Point," as a means of evolving a majority point of view.
- c) Future President's Letter space should include items generated by other FMIA members or Committees at the President's request. This makes the effort a shared responsibility and is a good way to reach members/readers on other topics or with a different point of view and/or tone. This "share the space," effort can provide real relief to overburdened Presidents.
- d) Letter or other posts from other members or committees. Will help our members to "share the load."

2. Land-use, STRs and Public Safety

VP, 2 Board members & 2 Rotating General members, who are direct neighbors to Land-Use issues

- a) The principle purpose is to help coordinate efforts between FMIA and other neighborhood associations and community-wide groups on Land use issues before City Hall to include City Council, CPC, HDLC, ARC & other government agencies.
- b) Meet with potential developers and business owners to learn what they propose, determine common ground (or not) and what they want or need from us.

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About the Newsletter

Les Amis de Marigny is the newsletter of the Faubourg Marigny Improvement Association, a 501(c) non-profit, all-volunteer organization committed to the preservation of the unique architectural and cultural heritage of our historic district, and to improving the quality of life in our diverse community.

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Submissions must be received by the 7th of the month for inclusion in the next month's issue. Send contributions to:

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c) Avoid confrontation politics, like Red Haus. They didn't need to appear at a General Meeting just for a flogging, in view of fact that the Board had already told them "No!" It is important that we resist and change our well-earned reputation as the "Neighborhood of NO." Reality is we should embrace and encourage people to build or do business in Marigny whenever possible. There are many success stories we should tell: Arabella, Shanks, Music Factory, Dirty Coast, Two Guys Cutting Hair, Second Vine and many others.

d) Beyond NPP rules, business owners/ developers are not required to seek or get approval from FMIA or any Neighborhood Association. For the most part, they want to cooperate, be open, and honest. On that note, we should show deference and respect whenever possible.

3. Short Term Rentals

This committee should also be our spear point in fighting the uncontrollable Vacation Rental Scofflaws (assuming Whole House STRs are outlawed) destroying our way and quality of life, one illegal property after another.

Although it is clear what our neighbors don't want developers to do – build above 55 feet – what we do want is a mystery that needs solving. For example, if we want a Parking Garage on Elysian Fields, we are more likely to get it and other needs using a modified, pro-growth strategy, that includes North Peters and Decatur. If we have a plan FMIA can live with, then we can shape our story using things we like – including developers and business owners who "Get It," whatever "It" is.

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4.) Public Safety

Coordinate our involvement/effort with NOPD and the overall community in an attempt to reduce crime throughout Marigny, Bywater, St. Roch and Upper 9 Associations.

a) For us to be safer it is vital that we and other Associations embrace the NONPACC efforts of the

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In Memoriam Ric Rolston

Ric (Richard, Ricco, Ricky) Rolston has passed away. His day of birth was June 20, 1959 in Tulsa Oklahoma. His death fell on Friday September 9, 2016. He died of complications of AIDS and heart disease. He was 57 years old. He is survived by his husband, Darron Newman, his two brothers, Rod and Randy; five nephews (Mark, Eric, Ryan, James, Robert) and two nieces (Lindsey and Kristina). He was preceded in death by his parents, Rose Wayland Rolston and Robert Rolston, and by his former partner Gordon Keen.

An exemplary student, graduating from Fairhope High School (Fairhope AL), in the top 1/2 of 1 percent of all high school graduates in America, he received a B.F.A. in printmaking from Birmingham-Southern College (Magna cum laude) and a Master of Fine Arts with honors from Cranbrook Academy of Art, also in printmaking.

Ric was a professional artist, designer, and founder of the Dutch Alley Artist Co-op in the historic French Market of New Orleans. He was a long time resident of New Orleans and has lived in the Faubourg Marigny for 30 years. His greatest endeavor was his life of generosity, respect, wit, and positive, life affirming attitude. Ric was a Humanist-Atheist; believing morality flows from our actions motivated by LOVE, not beliefs or abstract faith.



Call us to schedule your next event or plan on attending one of ours! Visit our website for details

SEPTEMBER

30 - HAVANA NIGHT IN THE GARDEN – 7 - 10pm ✨

OCTOBER

COUNCIL OF WOMEN REALTORS FUNDRAISER -- 6:30 -9:30pm

18 - EVENT PLANNERS EVENT – 5 - 8pm

20 - MOVIE NITE – 6:30 - 9pm

29 - PLAYERS BALL – 6 - 10pm

NOVEMBER

5 - STAY LOCAL / URBAN CONSERVANCY GALA -- 5 - 8pm

6 - 4th ANNUAL ART MARKET -- 12 - 5pm

10 - CIGAR NIGHT – 5 - 8pm

17 - MOVIE NITE – 6:30 - 9pm

DECEMBER

5 - HOTEL STORYVILLE XMAS PARTY/OPEN HOUSE – 5 - 8pm

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5th and 8th precincts. The more residents who interact with Police officers, the better for them and us civilians moving forward in a time of high crime, lots of anger and life under two Consent Decrees.

- b) Step-one: Couple a new name, perhaps "Precinct Open House," more positive and inviting, with NONPACC, which has always been confusing.

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5. Public Relations, Membership and Special Events

- a) There should be five members, 2 Board, 2 General, Newsletter editor.
- b) Eblasts should only be for Very Important Events and maybe reminders. A list of all updates once a week, with is unnecessary with Facebook and list serves like NextDoor.
- c) Primary goal and purpose is to spearhead our recruiting efforts and increase attendance at General Meetings, Meet the Neighbors, and participation with Home Tour and Caroling.
- d) Help establish and promote joint efforts or areas of concern with surrounding neighborhoods.
- e) Oversee and encourage positive stories in the Newsletter that promote neighborhood engagement and cross-over between groups.
- f) Look for ways to grow advertising & distribution.
- g) Keep track of and promote new & older businesses in Marigny.
- h) Have a "Feel Good" story about a biz or person in FMIA.
- i) Use Eblast and Press releases to promote events – also NextDoor, Facebook and any other resource that may be available.
- j) Keep track of and promote groups in Marigny doing good deeds or providing entertainment: Krewe du Vieux, Chewbacchus, Red Dress, and any other causes in which we can meet new people and create positive interactions and PR for Marigny and our many neighbors.

I hope these ideas will encourage you, as members, to contact the Board with your opinions, as well as participate a little more in the ongoing community process of Faubourg Marigny being a great place to live, work and play.

Calendar of Events

October 2016

Board Meeting

October 5, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

October 12, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
C. J. Nero Art, Cultural Gifts & Event Planning
839 Spain Street

General Meeting

October 17, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

November 2016

Board Meeting

November 2, 7 pm,
2509 Burgundy St.

Meet the Neighbors

November 9, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Hi Ho Lounge, 2239 St Claude Ave

General Meeting

November 21, 6:30 Pot Luck, 7:15 Meeting
St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2624 Burgundy Street

NONPACC MEETINGS

*5th District — 2nd Wednesday, 6 pm,
3900 N. Claiborne*

*8th District — 4th Tuesday 6 pm,
location varies between 334 Royal
and the Healing Center*

*If you have an event for the calendar
please send it to
editor@faubourgmarigny.org*

FMIA Dues

Not sure when your FMIA dues were paid? The date you paid is conveniently located on the mailing label of your newsletter. Just one more service from your friendly neighborhood association.

Interview with Wilson-Bourg Lumber Owner Arnie Watson

By Madison Louviere, FMIA Newsletter Intern, Class of 2018, Nicholls State

Note: This interview has been slightly condensed and edited for content. Arnie has a lot to say, so what didn't fit, can be found continued online at www.faubourgmarigny.org/WilsonBourg.pdf

- Q. How long has Wilson-Bourg Lumber been in business?
- A. Since 1938.
- Q. Is it a family run business?
- A. Originally it was run by the Bourg family, until I bought it in 1992, 24 years ago. It had been the second and third generation running it.
- Q. What's changed since Katrina?
- A. We have a lot more business. We were the first lumber yard to reopen. We happened to have a generator, and of course a lot of my customers live right here in the neighborhood. They found out we were open and we couldn't even bill them. I told them just take what you need, and remember what you got. Pay me later. If not, don't worry about it. So much was destroyed during the storm. We lost the roof off of this building (the office/shop) completely, so everything in it was ruined, or stolen. The storm took the "new shed," and put it in the yard next door.

Just picked it up and snapped it completely. Of course people knocked the fences down and looted almost everything that was still good. Even took our forklifts. They used them to haul stuff off. But, we rebuilt and probably have more inventory now than we ever had. We specialize in renovation materials for historic houses. It's a specialized market.

- Q. Is that where most of the business comes from? Renovations?
- A. Oh yes. The vast majority. We don't really do new construction. Occasionally, we get one of the new contractors that wants to build a new house, and they have to get a "packaged price." We don't get into that because it's a completely different business. Older homes don't require tremendous amounts of material, but it's specialized, and has to be a better quality.
- Q. So you try to keep the historical integrity?
- A. Oh absolutely. Like all of the stuff behind the counter. You're not going to find it in a Lowes or Home Depot. That's the hardware you use for all these old houses. Same way with the lumber we sell, a lot of it is cypress, which most lumber yards don't carry because it's more expensive. It's what these old houses need. Also the dimension of the lumber is slightly different, and we keep the old dimensions so they can match out what they need.
- Q. What's your favorite part of the business? What gets you excited about it?
- A. The busier we are, the more I like it and enjoy it. Not so much that we are making more money, but it's a lot more interesting. In fact, I like when people have stuff that we are kind of challenged to find for them, or come up with solutions. Many times they'll come in here and ask "How do you do that? How do you fix it?" That's the part I like.
- Q. What's most memorable situation that comes to mind?
- A. There's a lot of different things. I was a contractor myself for 25 years before I bought this place, and I renovated houses all through here. So, a lot of the stuff they need done, I've done before. I'm just selling them stuff, I know how to use it as well. Building



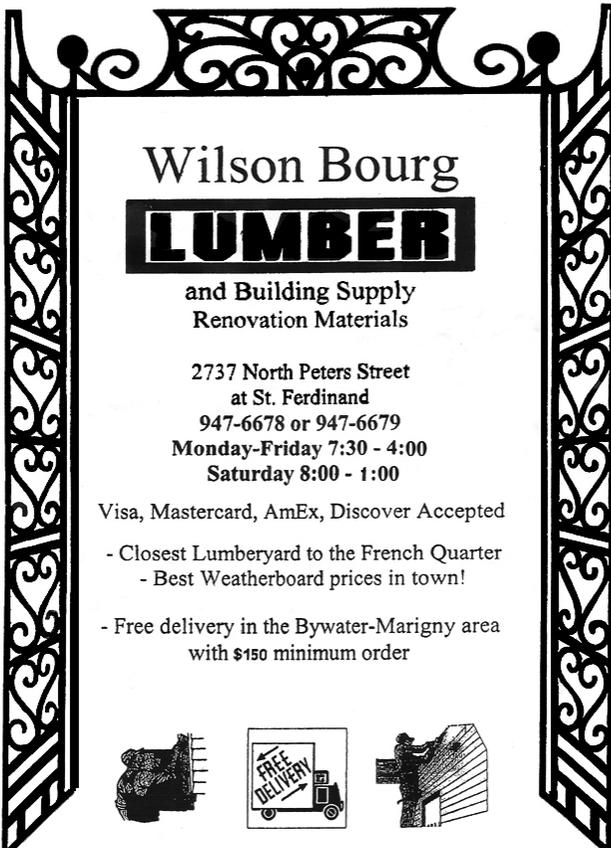
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and repairing shutters for example, most people don't have a clue how to do that. Hardware for your shutters, what type of hardware to use, I'll show them how to do it. There is a technique and a method to build all of these things. Hanging medallions from the ceiling, that's a lost art; most people don't have a clue how to hang a medallion off of a ceiling, especially a heavy one. There's a certain technique for that.

Q What would you like to say about current times?

A Well, the neighborhood has changed quite a bit since I bought the place. 25 years ago you had a few people that were renovating in Bywater, mostly any renovations were in Marigny but there weren't that many. Now, you're lucky if you can find something all the way down in Holy Cross. I know the guys that have been doing it for a living, they haven't had a hard time finding buildings that they can pick up for a good price, work with and make some money of it. They sell the houses very fast. It's amazing really. I guess it's just the mentality after Katrina. A lot of people moved down here and they didn't want to go to the suburbs. They wanted to come down here. I guess to be closer to the center of everything.

Full article can be found online at www.faubourgmarigny.org/WilsonBourg.pdf



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Did you ever wonder who these people are? ↑

Find out at the next Meet your Neighbors!

And if you have a favorite place in the neighborhood that you think would be interested in hosting an upcoming event, let us know by emailing secretary@faubourgmarigny.org.



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Meet the Neighbors

Our August event was held at **Magnolia Physical Therapy**. Neighbors ate and drank while lounging on (not working out on) the various gym equipment. Magnolia is currently upstairs in the Healing Center, but will soon be moving to larger digs downstairs. Thanks to Beth Winkler-Schmit and your staff for hosting!



Next Meet the Neighbors will be at C J Nero, 839 Spain Street on October 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

If you have a suggestion for a future Meet the Neighbors venue, email us at secretary@faubourmarigny.org.

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FMIA has a Newsletter Intern!

A few months ago the suggestion was made at a Board meeting, that we might want to “find an intern,” to help with the never-ending collection of tasks required for producing the work Board Members do. Maybe we could find somebody to help Steve Halpern, Newsletter Editor, encourage others to write stories, collect the stories by the deadline, and maybe even write notes about different events.

Meet Madison Louviere, whom we met while volunteering at a NOCCA event. Madison’s goal is to be a Book Editor. She is a Junior at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana, and comes from Luling. She will be producing a series of interviews with business people in Marigny, some event reports, and attending our meetings (Board, General, and MTN), through the first week of December.

Here’s her report from Meet The Neighbors at Magnolia Physical Therapy, and look for her first interview, in this issue, with Arnie Watson of Wilson-Bourg Lumber. Next month, David Mutter of Doerr Furniture.



First Impressions at Meet the Neighbors 9/14/16

By Madison Louviere

When I first came upon Magnolia Physical Therapy, I was wary of going in. I had only met the board members of FMIA and was unsure of how to proceed. Finally, I walked into the room full of people and sat on the third black chair in the entryway. I looked to see if I happened to know anyone around.

I noticed Mr. Allen (Johnson) walk past me, as well as Mr. Steve (Halpern). I felt invisible, just blending in with my nose pressed to my phone as I read stories online. When I finally noticed Ms. Gretchen (Bomboy), she looked at me and came to speak. We chatted for a short while and discussed what I had done for the day and how my interview with Mr. David Mutter from Doerr Furniture had gone.

I soon noticed Ms. Lisa come into the gathering. Unfortunately, I was invisible to her eyes as well. About 10 minutes later, I was noticed by Ms. Lisa and was pulled from my solace of internet stories, and thrust into the mix of chatter and mingling.

We originally went to talk to Mr. Allen about where I was to meet him on Saturday morning for the Mayor’s office of Neighborhood Engagement, but got distracted by a lovely couple, (Diane Lease and Dan Harris). I chatted for a while about where I was from, who my family was, what my ancestry was, and my schooling. We also came upon the subject of a past interview done with Wilson-Bourg Lumber. I retold how impressed I was, and taken with the history of Mr. Arnie’s business.

I told Ms. Diane about how the land used to be an old Native American trading post. We then came upon the topic of geography and climate change. We discussed how geography was important and that people were losing land and territory with no place to go. We finally came upon the topic of what I was majoring in school and what my aspirations were, until Ms. Lisa pulled me away.

I still needed to discuss Saturday with Mr. Allen. We planned to go to a summit put on by the Office of Neighborhood Engagement, part of the mayor’s administration. It’s supposed to be about code enforcement. After finishing this discussion, I once again talked to Ms. Gretchen and had a very short chat with Mr. Ronnie’s wife, Ayse. It was a wonderful meeting, chatting with people who had different views from mine.

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Marigny Green

By Deborah Oppenheim

Do you know that you can take a hike in our region's hardwoods woodlands not too far from downtown New Orleans? The Woodlands Conservancy is a conservation of hardwood forests and preservation of Louisiana's coastal forest ecosystems. Woodlands Conservancy mission is to "preserve and develop an ecosystem dedicated to creating daily public opportunities for recreation, ecotourism and



education in a natural and historic setting. The vision of Woodlands Conservancy is to be the regional model for the conservation of hardwood forests, and a leader in the advocacy and preservation of Louisiana's coastal forest ecosystems". Woodlands Conservancy is a 501-C-3 nonprofit organization.

The loss of coastal wetland forest needs help in protecting our environment. According to United States Fish and Wildlife Forensics, within the next 35-50 years, Woodlands Conservancy lands will be the largest forested land between open water and the city of New Orleans. The wetland forest:

- protects our homes and business by providing a wind buffer
- helps absorb storm water run-off
- is a habitat corridor for resident wildlife and migratory birds — hundreds of millions of birds cross the gulf each year and stop in Louisiana to rest and feed.

Since 2013, Woodlands Conservancy has had a bird monitoring project in partnership with Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program and Baton Rouge Audubon Society's Bluebonnet Bird Monitoring Project. The purpose is to study the bird usage in comparing healthy forested wetlands to areas not restored with non-native, invasive vegetation. There are two field stations where birds are banded.

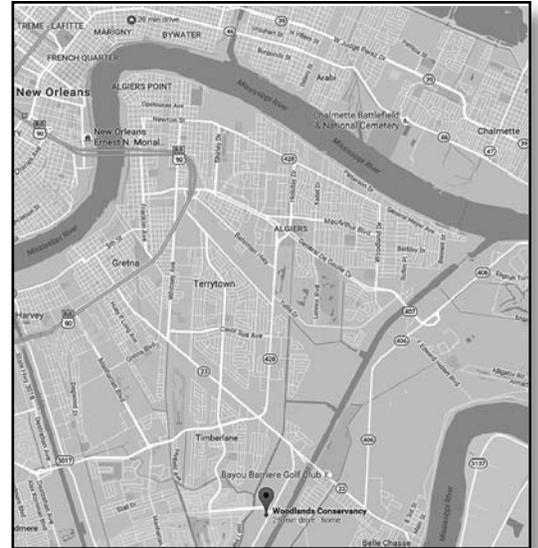
The Woodlands Conservancy teaches biology, ecology and conservations through on-site visits, service learning trips and learning activities for children and adults.

Woodlands Conservancy is important because it is hurricane protection, forest conservation, habitat preservation, recreational, educational and a legacy for future generations. For more information and membership: www.woodlandsconservancy.org

DIRECTIONS:

Woodlands Conservancy is located at 449 F. Edward Hebert Blvd. Belle Chasse, LA and open to the public dawn to dusk. 504-433-4000. The directions are: From downtown

New Orleans, take the Crescent City Connection to the Westbank. Take the General DeGaulle East exit (9B). Merge onto General DeGaulle and travel 2.9 miles, continuing over the Intracoastal



Canal. Enter the traffic circle at the end of the bridge ramp and exit left to go under the bridge. Drive 0.6 miles on Highway 406/Woodland Hwy to the caution light. Turn left at the caution light onto F. Edward Hebert Blvd. Continue 0.6 Miles. The entrance is on the left. Drive on the dirt road along the canal to the parking area at the trailhead.

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By Sara Jacobelli, Assistant Branch Manager, Alvar Library

It's October, which brings cooler weather, and unfortunately, flu season. Did you know that Walgreen's is offering free flu shots at numerous NOPL locations? You can get your free flu shot at Alvar Library on **October 19th, 1:00-3:00 pm. 913 Alvar Street, New Orleans, LA 70117. 504-596-2667.**

NOPL is just wrapping up **Banned Books Week, which is September 26th-October 1st.** From the American Library Association's website: "The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) receives reports from libraries, schools, and the media on attempts to ban books in communities across the country. We compile lists of challenged books in order to inform the public about censorship efforts that affect libraries and schools. The top ten most challenged books of 2015 include:

1. *Looking for Alaska*, by John Green
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group.

2. *Fifty Shades of Grey*, by E. L. James
Reasons: Sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and other ("poorly written," "concerns that a group of teenagers will want to try it").

3. *I Am Jazz*, by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
Reasons: Inaccurate, homosexuality, sex education, religious viewpoint, and unsuited for age group.

4. *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*, by Susan Kuklin
Reasons: Anti-family, offensive language, homosexuality, sex education, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("wants to remove from collection to ward off complaints").

5. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon
Reasons: Offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other ("profanity and atheism").

6. *The Holy Bible*
Reasons: Religious viewpoint.

7. *Fun Home*, by Alison Bechdel
Reasons: Violence and other ("graphic images").

8. *Habibi*, by Craig Thompson
Reasons: Nudity, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group.



We Have French and Spanish Children's Books at Alvar Library!

9. *Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan*, by Jeanette Winter
Reasons: Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, and violence.

10. *Two Boys Kissing*, by David Levithan
Reasons: Homosexuality and other ("condones public displays of affection")

<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks>

In the Garden Writers' Workshop

Writers of all levels of experience and all genres are welcome, including Poetry, Fiction and Nonfiction Prose, and Plays. Local and visiting authors will periodically stop by to read their work and offer advice and encouragement. Participants will read their work at a public reading once or twice a year, either at Alvar Library or at a local venue. We will meet the second Saturday of every month from 2:00-3:30 pm, from September through May. The second workshop will meet Saturday, October 8th. You may sign up at the Circulation Desk, or just come to any session.

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<http://www.nolalibrary.org/>

Local Author Birthday

Anne Rice was born on October 4th, 1941 in New Orleans. Her birth name was Howard Alice Francis O'Brien, after her father. She understandably changed her name to "Anne" in early elementary school. She attended Catholic schools, and Catholic symbolism is often invoked in her writing. She has written numerous books, and is best known for her Vampire Chronicles Series, which began in 1976 with the publication of Interview with the Vampire, which was made into a popular film. Other books of hers include Servant of the Bones and Vittorio the Vampire. While most of her novels revolve around supernatural themes, she has also written more mainstream fiction under the name Anne Rampling. (Her many novels have been extremely successful, although some critics argue that Rice's writing is rather long winded and would be much better if she

would work with editors.) She has been a major influence on the newer generations of authors who write in the supernatural/vampire/gothic genre. Some of her later books include The Wolf Gift (2012) and The Wolves of Midwinter (2013). Married for many years to the poet Stan Rice, who died in 2002, they had a daughter, Michelle, who died of leukemia in 1972. Their son, Christopher Rice, is also an author. The Rice family once owned St. Elizabeth's, a 47,000 square foot former orphanage on Napoleon Avenue in uptown New Orleans. Built in the 1800s, it is designated as a Historic Landmark and is one of the largest private residences in the United States.

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LEJ's Yours Truly in a Swamp

Rio Sweet Rio *By Leonard Earl Johnson - www.LEJ.org*

"Yours Truly" is a blog by Leonard Earl Johnson, a member of our Katrina Diaspora presently residing in Lafayette and spending much time in New Orleans. He is an FMIA member and planning to return to NOLA in the near future. His venue is the figurative Great Mother Swamp including Lafayette, New Orleans and adjacent areas. His column had been published in Les Amis for several years and we are glad to have him back where he belongs.

Ryan Held. Twenty-one years old, middle-western wholesome ~ hell, his hometown is Springfield, "Land of Lincoln" Illinois ~ and handsome as a speckled pup, Ryan Held left the 2016 Rio Olympics wearing Gold. It was Held's very first international competition.

I lived in Rio de Janeiro when I wore a younger sailor's clothes. Three years aboard a U.S. flagged ship and in a little apartment on Rue Peru, a few blocks off Copacabana Beach.

I stayed glued to the TV during the Olympics, as cyclists careened down mountains and cameras panned the statue of Christ the Redeemer on Mount Corcovado, where often in yesteryear we tiddled with friends at the bar under the big toe of Jesus. Ah sigh ~ to be again in that beautiful city, spirited and broken so like New Orleans.

Back to Ryan Held and the U. S. victors. They made us one with them. Gotts off Mount Olympus who healed our old worn heart. Held won his Gold swimming relay with Caeleb Dressel, Nathan Adrian, and Michael Phelps, most decorated Olympian ever! Sculpted bodies with lines as graceful as sailing ships standing on the Medals Podium.

Michael Phelps, latest Olympian Gott to touch Earth, patted Held's arm and then embraced him in his human moment of joy and tears. Our anthem was playing and these glorious men shed tears. Humans touching The Mountain, as we watched. If you lived on Olympus yourself you would have been moved.

Might it have been thus in ancient Greece? Love? Achievement? Joy? I know the first Olympians wrapped leather dried hard in the Sun around their fists and proceeded to pound each other to the death. "That must have brought up some tears."

L. A. Norma says. Rio sweet Rio, thank you for the political boondoggle and shameful profiteering that was the Olympic games of 2016. Maybe the games have always been organized by corrupted men ~ feigning greatness but with hearts beating far, far below Olympus. This year we forgot about them, while our hearts soared among human Gotts with true greatness.

Back to Earthly profiteering and boondoggling.

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FMIA Board Meeting Minutes: September 7, 2016

Members in attendance

Lisa Suarez, Allen Johnson, Gretchen Bomboy, Matt Del Vecchio, Gene Cizek, Mark Malouse, Jeff Bromberger

514 Franklin

Needs a zoning change from HMC-1 to HM-MU which is more intensive. Jeff Treffinger and

Nathan Parker spoke on behalf of the project.

HANO Properties

Gary deLeaumont and Rodger Kamenetz spoke about HANO's plans for new developments on empty HANO lots. HANO doesn't realize they're in Marigny and is only meeting with Bywater groups.

Guest Speaker - Brian Kern, Krewe of Boo

Brian spoke about their annual parade, Saturday, October 22. Discussing a pre-parade block party (Frenchmen Fest) on Frenchmen near Mona's with stage facing Washington Square Park, 12-6pm.

Street BBQ Smokers

Neighbors reporting problems with illegal street vendors parking smokers in front of homes. Matt is going to see what the regulations are.

NOPD Donation

Jeff motions to donate \$200 to recent NOPD officer memorials, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Newsletter Interviews

Madison Louviere is our new intern from Nicholls State; board brainstorms local businesses to interview.

The Allen Report

STR issue not going to city council as originally scheduled, delayed. Devon DeWulf from NFB speaks about a proposed parade at city hall on the issue on Tuesday, 9/27. Allen moves we donate \$200 to parade, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Historical Marker

Jeff motions we get a bid for needed repair work to mount downed marker, seconded. Passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.



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FMIA General Meeting Minutes: September 19, 2016

Lisa Suarez called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Guest Speaker - Judge Paul Bonin

Spoke about his run for criminal court.

Guest Speaker - Stephanie Atkins, Visual Arts Network

Speaks about their arts group and it's objectives.

Ric Rolston

He passed away recently. Memorial service will be Saturday 9/24, 1:30pm at Marigny Opera House.

NOPD Report

Off. Shereese Harper, 8th District, gives quality of life report. Working on BBQ smoker trailers popping up outside homes without permits.

Guest Speaker - Felicia Macon, St. Paul Lutheran

Principal of the school we meet in. Open house coming up. Fall Fest on Oct 28.

Board Election

Four volunteers for four spots: Lisa Suarez, Mark Malouse, Matt Del Vecchio, Joel Ross. Gene moves to accept them for spots, seconded. Passes by acclamation.

Guest Speaker - Yvonne Cappel-Vickery, Alliance for Affordable Energy

Watchdog group looking at Entergy. Speaks about proposed natural gas power plant in New Orleans East, opposes it.

803 Spain Street

House previously burned. Owners want to tear it down. Neighbors at HDLC meeting objected but agreed on new plan for restoration.

Frenchmen Street Festival

Lisa discusses fest, in conjunction with Krewe of Boo. Saturday, Oct 22, noon-6p. Hope is to eventually raise money for WSP fence, but likely not this year.

Guest Speaker - Devon DeWulf, Neighbors First for Bywater

Devon speaks about a theatrical parade spectacle going to City Hall to call attention to Short Term Rentals problem. Tuesday, 9/27, 10a.

Short Term Rentals

Carol reports for the STR committee about the types of STRs and shares info from the NOLA Neighbors coalition which is presenting to city council.

Newsletter Interviews

Madison Louviere is our new intern from Nicholls State, will be doing interviews of people and businesses in the Marigny for the newsletter.

HANO Lots Development

Gary speaks about proposed plans for new development of HANO lots in Marigny & Bywater. Working with developer to keep density appropriate for neighborhood.

Margi Gras Zone

Applying for a liquor license again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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