# **Minutes**

# Merrywood Estates POA Meeting January 25, 2025

# **Meeting Call to Order:**

The meeting was held at the Magnolia Facility and called to order by Jim Fanguy.

# **Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report from the last Merrywood POA Meeting held on December 2, 2023 was presented by M J Cannon and accepted.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The current Treasurers report was read by Treasurer, Linda Trainor, and accepted.

<u>Special Remembrance</u>: Larry Boston, a resident of Merrywood and Past President of the POA, has recently passed away. Thanks to Larry and his family for his contribution to Merrywood. Also, condolences to any other residents who may have recently passed away that we were not aware of.

<u>Children's Events:</u> The Halloween celebration was fun and well attended. Special Thanks to all who helped with making the event fun for everyone. The Pumpkins looked great!

Our Easter Egg Hunt also was well attended and was a fun event again this year. Thanks to Ron and Mandy Feske for their generous contribution of Easter Candy for the event and the new Easter Bunny showed up.

<u>Dues Collection:</u> 125 Property Owners paid Annual Dues and again there were folks who contributed more than required. Special Thanks to all. Second notices for the Assessment were mailed out and brought in more payments. 110 Property Owners did not pay.

<u>Completed Projects</u>: We finished up the Lighting Project upfront and the installation of outlets so we can now have Christmas lights.

Oliver Hunt, a Merrywood Resident, connected and repaired the water lines at the Front Entrance and made sure we had the correct Plumbing Set Up for the

Sprinklers and continues to maintain and winterize the pipes for us at no charge. Thanks so much to Oliver and Kelly.

We painted and freshened up the front entrance signs along with the Sign at the Pond.

We Employed a new Lawn Service Company who installed small sprinklers on the Flower Bed in front of the Merrywood Estates Sign as a full Sprinkler System is not In our Budget. He also spruced up the Pond area for us. Trimmed the Azaleas up front and freshened up the Landscaping.

We replaced the damaged cork Board on the Bulletin Board.

We set up Venmo as a more convenient method of payment of Annual Dues.

We installed a Merrywood Lock Box up front for ease of dropping off payments etc. We also still have our regular PO Box at the Post Office.

<u>Traffic Control</u>: We are waiting for a final report from ST Tammany Parish on the latest Traffic Study in Merrywood. Upon completion of the Study, we will complete an educated assessment.

#### **New Business:**

## **Election of Officers and Board Members**

The Nominating Committee met on 12/12/2024 and nominated the following individuals:
M J Cannon, President & Secretary
Linda Trainor, Treasurer
Jamie McDonald, Vice President
Jim Fanguy, Board Member
Vicki Hughes, Board Member
Robert Lee, Board Member
Doug Kunkle, Board Member

# **Nominations from the Floor**

We had a new Nomination from the Floor of Larry Gast to be a Board Member.

All Nominations were approved

# Replacement for the Children's Committee:

As Ms. McDonald moves onto duties as VP of the Board we asked for Volunteers to carry on the tradition.

# **Covenant and Restriction Committee Survey:**

After much discussion from the members present there was a showing of hands and it was decided not to proceed with the Review of the Covenants and Restrictions.

**Guest Speakers:** Capt. Jason Prieto, St Tammany Sherriff's Office, gave us a Summary of their Reports for Merrywood and concluded that as a whole our subdivision is in very good shape as reflected in the reports.

Michael Roe, a Merrywood Resident who has a long prior history with Windmill Nursery and currently Magnolia Gardens Nursery gave us excellent advice on our Plantings and their care.

The membership was reminded that Copies of the Treasurer's Report, Deed Restrictions and Merrywood HOA Bylaws were available at the Sign In Table.

With no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

M J Cannon, Pres & Secretary