

**Minutes**  
**French Branch Civic Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**Saturday, May 18, 2024**  
**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

Trinity Presbyterian Church 710 S Military Road Slidell

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Prayer**

**Speaker:**

**Fire Chief Chris Kaufmann District 1**

1. Special visitor: Jean Cefalu

Ms Cefalu discussed the effort to recall the St. Tammany Parish Coroner. She described sources of information for the effort and encouraged members in consider signing a recall petition.

2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. 2024 to date Treasurer report

See attached.

3. Membership Report
  - a. Current 2024 membership: 46 residences
4. Election of Officers

Note: As per the Articles of Incorporation, only current paid members, up to 2 votes per residence, can vote. Nominations will be from the floor.

**Motion: To nominate the following slate of candidates for officers.**

Motion made by: Donald Williams

President - Robert Broome

Vice-President - Phyllis Waring

Treasurer - Cheryl Backes

Secretary - no nomination

There were no other candidates nominated.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**The new board wishes to thank departing officers E.J. Lemulle, President; Daniel Touns, Vice-President; Robert Broome Treasurer; and Debbie Van Arsdale, Secretary; for their years of service to the Association.**

5. Consideration of mailed flyer prior to each meeting-cost and usefulness  
It was suggested that only two meeting per year have flyers mailed. At a minimum a flyer needs to be mailed announcing the election for officers.

- Signs should be prepared for the fall 2024 meeting. A webpage and QR code is needed for the signs.

- One member is going to ask an associate if they might be interested in helping. In the meantime, Robert Broome will update the existing pages.

## 8. Member Reports-discussion of subdivision issues

# 2024 FBCA Treasurer's Report

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## 9. May Meeting Reports

### a. Military Road Alliance meeting

Mr. Broome reported on the discussion at the Military Road Alliance about the legal basis for homeowners associations in Louisiana. An association is defined by its governing documents, usually the Articles of Incorporation, By Laws and Covenants. Covenants, which are officially known as Building Restrictions, are a contract between each property owner and other property owners in that Phase. If a covenant is not enforced for two years it can be found to be abandoned but clear evidence must be provided to show this. Violation in one Phase does not violate covenants in another Phase. All this depends on circumstances.

### b. Military Road Committee of STLDCD

### c. May Parish School Board meeting

The road outside Little Oak in the city of Slidell has been renamed Theresa Simon Rd. after a former SRO at Little Oak. She passed away three years ago during the summer while on duty. The school board is in the process of negotiating a new teacher contract. By all accounts the process is going smoothly.

## 10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

