

**Minutes**  
**French Branch Civic Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2025**  
**10:30 – 12:00**  
**Trinity Presbyterian Church 710 S Military Road Slidell**

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

**Parish Gov't report: Jeff Corbin District 13**

Mr. Corbin discussed the upcoming parish sales tax rededication. This rededication will fund the justice system (District Attorney and Courts). The Parish library system millage is also on the ballot. This millage is critical to the existence of the library. Without this millage, the library will have no source of funding.

**Speaker:**

**Mark Eplee of Tree Tech**

Employees of Tree Tech presented information about the best types of trees for our area. They discussed proper care and maintenance of trees in yards.

1. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Nov 2024 to date Treasurer report
    - A. Report accepted.
      - A. Motion by Richard Crout
      - B. Seconded by Richard Jefferson
  - b. 2025 Budge presented-see attached.
2. Membership Report
  - a. As of this meeting, there are 20 paid members.
3. The position of Secretary for FBCA was filled
  1. Melissa Lorange was nominated for secretary for 2025.
4. New Business
  - a. Election of officers for 2025
    - A. The following officers were elected for 2025.
      - A. President Robert Broome
      - B. Vice President: Phyllis Waring
      - C. Treasurer: Cheryl Backes
      - D. Secretary: Melissa Lorange

- b. Establishment of Garden Club for French Branch
  - A. Phylis Waring invited members to attend a meeting of the FBCA Garden Club in February. Date will be announced later.
- c. Establishment of Architectural Review Committee
  - A. The Architectural Review Committee is being organized.
  - B. The following FBCA members agreed to serve on the ARC.
    - A. Julie Crout
    - B. Jacklyn Williams
- d. Report on drainage progress in French Branch
  - A. The Parish is working on cleaning right of ways of the lateral ditches. Once access is available the main lateral ditches will be cleaned regularly and drainage throughout the subdivision will be improved.
- 5. Report on FBCA website
  - 1. We are still working on an improved website.
- 6. Committee and Member Reports
  - a. Member Reports
  - b. Military Road Alliance meeting
    - A. The Parish is working on improving the water infrastructure in the subdivision. This consists of installing large connecting lines at the end of the existing water lines. These new lines will tie the ends of the entire water system together in a loop. This will greatly improve the reliability of pressure in the system.
- 9. Adjourn
  - 1. Adjourned 11:00 AM