



President's Message August 2023

#### **Good News!**

Linda Begue Imagine that---we needed a law to recognize our right as parents to have control of our own children!!!!!

The first step was Senate Bill No. 7 ACT No. 436 which was passed and signed by the Gov. Thank you Sen. Cloud & Reps. Amedee, Emerson, Garofalo, Geymann, Charles Owen & Tarver

line 12. A. The legislature recognizes the fundamental right of parents to make decisions as to the care, custody, and control of their children. This fundamental right includes the right to decide the upbringing and education of children under their control. Parents have the right to guide and direct the reading, listening, and viewing choices of their minor children. Many libraries lack adequate policies addressing the access of minors to sexually explicit materials. In furtherance of this fundamental right, it is the intent of the legislature to require libraries to adopt and implement policy language to limit the access of minors to sexually explicit materials.

#### This was step 1. What is step 2? What do we do now?

St. Tammany Parish Councilman Arthur Laughlin is guiding the Library Accountability group and will assist in directing us on a step-by-step procedure. Just what we want and need: real direction.

We will keep you posted so you can do your part in making improvements to the Library in this "step-by-step" process. Stay tuned - to be continued

## Our August 2023 Speaker

#### AUGUST 3, 2023

Senator Patrick McMath is a job-creating businessman, former assistant district attorney, conservative public servant, and pro-life husband and father of four who is committed to getting results for our community.

He currently serves as our Senator for District 11.

Sen. McMath will give us a 2023 Regular Legislative Session Wrap-up.



The next MRW meeting will be Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Beau Chene Country Club.



Social time begins at 11:00 a.m. with the meeting/lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Reservation Deadline is July 27th--FIRM

Contact Lynn Pablovich (not Linda Esquerre) lynnpab@bellsouth.net or 504-512-2323



**NEW LUNCHEON PRICE: \$31.00** 



**AUGUST MENU: Sweet Heat Spinach Salad with Chicken Peaches and Cream Shortcake** 



#### Minutes of June 1, 2023

The meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Linda Begue at Beau Chene Country Club

Chaplain Susie Baker was out with Covid. Suzanne Crow, Political Education Chairman, lead us in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Linda Begue our President announced we are off in July for vacations. It was announced that 6 Republican Organizations will host a **Candidate Forum on August 20**<sup>th</sup> for **Top Statewide Offices.** 

Michelle Pichon was not with us, so Linda Begue introduced the Mayor of Slidell Greg Cromer who is running for Parish President in St. Tammany. He addressed our group and generously answered many questions from our members.

Officers' Reports were given.

- 1. Minutes from meeting 5/4/23 -Sharon Bostwick
- 2. September will be Candidates for House Seat for District 89. We are preparing for Statewide Candidates Forum scheduled for on August 20.
- 3. Lynn Pablovich gave Membership Report
- 4. Dorothy Noriea gave the Treasurer's Report
- 5. Judy Hermann gave the corresponding secretary's report.
- 6. Special Door Prize Kellyanne Conway Book donated by Senator Patrick McMath won by Laura East.
- 7. 50/50 drawing won by Kim Henry

Don't forget to make Reservations for Meetings the Wednesday before the next meeting which is Thursday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Bostwick



#### **Membership Report**

by Lynn Pablovich

We have 71 Active members and 31 Associate members as of June 15, 2023. We have 24 new members for 2023; 11 are Actives and 13 are Associates. Please welcome our newest member, Renee Seruntine.

The 2023 Directories are distributed all meetings. If you have not renewed for 2023, you can mail a check (\$45 dues for Active members; \$15 for Associate members) to

MRW P.O. Box 8831 Mandeville, LA 70470-8831.

If you are renewing and your info is the same, I do not need another application from you. However, if there are changes, please print the attached application and mail with your check.

We want you to get involved and make this club a satisfying part of your life. Please look through this newsletter to find areas you are interested in: school board, publicity, hospitality, campaigns, fundraising, etc. I know our president, Linda Begue, would love to talk to you about committees. You may even have a new idea. Let us know

Remember to contact me (not Linda Esquerre) to make your reservation for our next meeting on August 2.

My contact information is lynnpab@bellsouth.net or 504-512-2323

Below is the letter MRW sent to each member of the St. Tammany Parish Council expressing our concerns about the Parish Library controversies. Please put it in the next Newsletter. All the Republican Women's organizations sent letters. The RPEC is addressing this issue at our next meeting and I plan to put forth a motion for the RPEC to issue a letter to the Council also. If nothing else, the Council will know we are paying close attention. As elections are forthcoming, perhaps they will pay more attention to this issue which is causing such outcry from citizens of St. Tammany Parish.



July 6, 2023

#### Dear

Mandeville Republican Women has been actively involved in St. Tammany Parish for 40 years. We have built and still maintain effective, trusted relationships with our elected officials at all levels of parish government.

Unfortunately, recent controversies and public outcry related to our parish libraries and the Library Board have caused us to question the leadership of the Parish Council in addressing these issues. These issues are of serious concern to our members and to voters and taxpayers throughout the parish. Elected officials are responsible for protecting our children, their families, their education and their quality of life. We expect Council members to take this responsibility seriously!

As related to resolving these controversial issues, the lack of leadership and transparency, the questionable qualifications of those recently appointed to the Library Board and a seemingly unwillingness by the Council to get involved are of grave concern and deeply disappointing to our members! We expect the very best efforts of our elected officials in response to citizens' concerns and we seriously consider the quality of their efforts when elections are at hand.

We urge you to take a more serious approach to the oversight of the Library Board and its programs. Please carefully consider the impact of your decisions on the children and families of St. Tammany.

Respectively,

Linda Begue, President Mandeville Republican Women

# **Fall Forum**

Candidates: Gov, LT. Gov, SOS, Treasurer & A.G.
Sunday, August 20
2:00 PM
Beau Chene Country Club

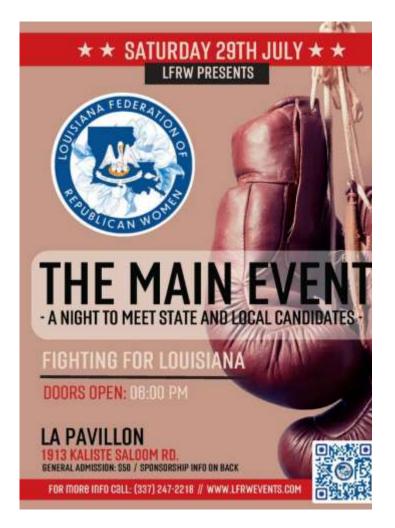
# FREE Moderator Scott McKay from the Hayride

Hosts: Bayou LaCombe Republican Women, East St. Tammany Republican Women, Mandeville Republican Women, Northshore Republican Men's Club. Republican Professional Women of St. Tammany, Republican Women of Franklinton, St. Tammany RPEC

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### SAVE THE DATE



#### **LFRW PRESENTS:**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 29th to meet Statewide Candidates in the upcoming Fall Election at the beautiful Le Pavillion Event Center in Lafayette! The address is 1913 Kaliste Saloom Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508 and the event is from 6-10 pm.

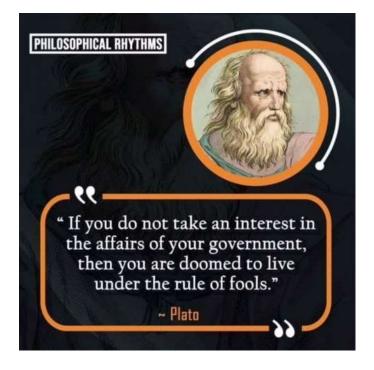
We are very excited to present this event and look forward to seeing you there!

Click on this link <u>www.lfrwevents.com/event-flier</u> to go to the website with all of the information and to purchase tickets online. There will be food, drinks, and music too.

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

#### **BE POLITICALLY ACTIVE**







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Bring the completed form to the next MRW meeting or mail to the address shown on the form.

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## \*You must be a registered Republican to join. Please Print

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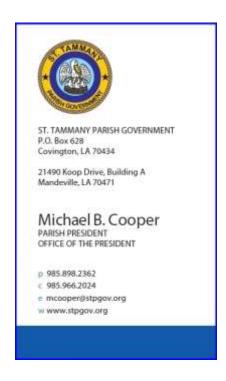
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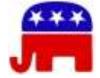
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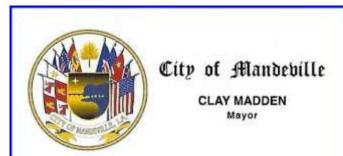




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