

# St. Louis Jaycees Meeting Minutes March 16, 2011

**Members in Attendance:** Bret Kuhlman, Stephanie Kuhlman, Jen Knox, Karen Dabrowski, Jack Dabrowski, Ed Fehlig, Suzanne McSwain, Scott (Region 5 Director)

Call to Order

Welcome

Introductions

President's Report

- We had a GREAT **Mardi Gras**! Everything was well-organized and our volunteers were amazing – a BIG thanks to everyone who helped out. It was a busy but fun day.
  - We made around \$900 from tips alone (this is minus some expenses, such as port-a-potties, etc) and we expect to get around \$900 from Mardi Gras Inc. in a few months. Mardi Gras really IS our biggest fundraiser of the year. The tips alone double what is currently in our bank account.
- Our next big event is **Rebuilding Day** – we've worked with Rebuilding Together for the last 3 years (this year is our 4<sup>th</sup> house). We spend the day making safety improvements to homes of low-income, usually elderly people so that they can live independently for longer. Rebuilding Day is April 30<sup>th</sup>, and we need volunteers of all skill levels. This year we will be partnering with the Notre Dame Club. We also usually have Jaycees from all over the St. Louis area come to volunteer. Bret is House Captain again this year.
- Following that we have the **Soap Box Derby** (see below for more info).
- Membership – Bret has asked us to think of a good idea for a membership drive. We need to have 20 members (currently we have a little more than 20) to stay in good standing with the state.
  - We gained 3 new members at Mardi Gras! Welcome Keith, Fabian, and Steve!
  - Ideas for a membership drive
    - Friday night at Fairmount Park.

VP of Management's Report (see above)

VP of Community Development's Report (see below for upcoming events)

VP of Membership's Report (see above)

Chairman's Report

Additional Business/Reports

## Past Events

- Mardi Gras! Thanks again to everyone who helped out – see above for full report.

## Upcoming Events

- Happy Hour – April 6<sup>th</sup> @ Sasha's Wine Bar on Shaw
- General Membership Meeting – April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Rebuilding Together – April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Bret is House Captain again this year.
  - We are partnering with the Notre Dame Club.
  - This is a feel-good event but be ready to work! We need volunteers of all skill levels on Rebuilding Day.
    - Jobs include painting/scraping, building a deck/stairs, concrete work, cleaning up a basement, laying some peel-and-stick tile, and more!
  - We've met with the homeowner, and she is really nice and very excited for us to come out and help her!
  - Free lunch provided as well as free beer and snacks at the end of the day.
  - Contact Bret or Stephanie Kuhlman if you would like to volunteer.
- Soap Box Derby – June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Save the Date! Soap Box Derby is a great event on the Hill (Macklind Avenue). Usually goes from about 8 AM til 5 PM.
  - We need plenty of volunteers – especially since this year's Derby may prove to be the biggest one yet. Bret has been working with Charter Communications to make a commercial that Charter will run free-of-charge on its cable channels to drum up interest. They are also talking with some big sponsors and are trying to get a musical act to play at the end of the Derby.
  - Stay Tuned!