



Krewe's News

November - December 2008



From the Krewe President...

Dear Krewe Members,

We had a great turnout for our Krewe meeting on Sunday, October 12, at the float barn. With all things considered that have happened with Hurricane Ike and its aftermath, everyone was upbeat and the consensus is to move forward with our Mardi Gras plans which include the ball, barn bash and both parades. We committed to the city and Park Board that we will stage both our "Seawall Kick-off" and the "Fat Tuesday" parades. The Krewe also will keep its commitments with the convention center for the ball and pageant and with the band, "Mambo Jazz Kings". On a positive note, the band reduced their price from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for the ball. Stacy Dienst, owner of the Miller beer distributorship, has assured us that they are on board as a major sponsor of the "Fat Tuesday" parade and will donate kegs of beer for the barn bash. The Krewe has come up with several money saving ideas for the parades. We have cutback on the number of invitations to high school marching bands, and Krewe members decided not to re-decorate the floats this year. Although the theme of the floats does not compliment this year's theme, "My Favorite TV Shows", members felt it was not that important — what is really important is we stage our parades. There is also a request to the city to reduce parade fees in half to help with parade expenses.

Our float barn took in almost three feet of water during Ike, and things were quite a mess. On Sunday, October 19, some 40 Krewe members gathered and cleaned the barn. The Krewe got rid of things we probably should have unloaded years ago. The barn is clean and straight now except for the floors which we plan to power wash in the near future.

Our fundraising efforts have seen better days. We lost the garage sale, the Pub Krawl, USO Show, and working at the Fall Triathlon — all scheduled for fall months. There are plans to have the brisket sale in January, and talk of putting on a USO Show in the spring which means we may have two shows in 2009. We also have been invited to help with the Lone Star Triathlon in the spring, which you may remember was a great fundraiser, last spring, for the Krewe.

We will resume our meeting schedule in November beginning on Thursday, November 13, at the KC Hall at 7:30 p.m. The KC Hall sustained damage and lost most of their chairs so we will need to bring our own folding chairs until further notice. We will also meeting on December 11, and January meetings are scheduled for January 8, 15, 22, and 29.

I hope life has begun to return to as normal as can be expected for most everyone. I know for many, the nightmares remain and the rebuilding process is slow and frustrating.

Take care,

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Upcoming Krewe Meetings and 2009 Mardi Gras Festivities

Meetings

Thursday, November 13
Thursday, December 11
Thursday, January 8
Thursday, January 15
Thursday, January 22
Thursday, January 29



Mardi Gras 2009

Ball & Pageant—January 31
Barn Bash— February 13
Seawall Parade—February 14
Fat Tuesday Parade—February 24