

# BOARD MEETING 8/21/19

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**5:30 PM / POYDRAS MUSEUM**

## ATTENDEES

Aimee Moreau, Teresa Houston, Carlyn Morales, Janet Humphreys, Rose O'Rear, Blake Scheeler, Steve Bergeron, Greg Lacour. Secretary - Mindy Lacour.

## AGENDA

### Last Meeting Follow-up

1. July minutes approved. July minutes had not been posted, so will be nominated for approval at the next meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

2. Rose read treasurer's report. The CD has been purchased for \$150,000 at Guarantee Bank. The CD certificate is in the office. Mindy recommended that it be kept in a more secure location. Steve offered that the bank can hold the certificate for PCHS. Mindy would check on that. We can get a safety deposit box with a small yearly fee and a key deposit. Rose moved the deposits for rent from the Society Fund to the Building Fund. PCHS received a \$1840 deposit from the Poydras Fund. Teresa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Steve seconded.

### Administrator News:

3. Mindy asked what the board wants to do about repairs. Two windows on the second floor have rotting sashes that need to be replaced. Teresa offered that this may be good for a volunteer project, and she would check with Andy, who did the work on the front porch, to determine interest. Board agreed not to renew membership in the American Alliance of Museums. Mindy asked whether PCHS has received a direct deposit from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, for the Aug 14 meeting, in

which the entire first floor was rented. Rose had not yet seen a deposit. On Aug 3, the power went out, the alarm went off, and shut down the elevators, phones and internet in the building. AT&T missed two appointments before finally restoring service. Service is back up. AT&T is raising its rates by \$5/mo, Mindy will request a cost adjustment for the lost service after the power outage. The new lease for Red Hawk Land Services (Ben Daniels) is in place; lease changes from three offices to two. Realtor has been notified to advertise the space available. Stone Trust Insurance provided a \$640 refund, after an auditor walked the building with Mindy. The Coastal Conservation Association of Pointe Coupee is hosting its annual fundraiser at the Scott Civic Center on September 12 at 6 pm, if anyone is interested in attending.

4. **Old Computer** - Mindy asked if she could throw away the old computer, it no longer works. Board agreed yes.
5. Holiday Market Nov 22-24, does PCHS want to have a table to sell books, advertise for membership? Board agreed that we will have a table for Saturday, Nov 23, only.
6. Pelican **Chamber Concerts** - Teresa suggested obtaining a sponsor to continue the Chamber Music Concert Series due to the cost of cleaning, tuning of piano, payment of secretary, refreshments, etc. We need a sponsor/s who provide at least \$1500 to cover the four concerts a year. Teresa will contact potential donors by email.
7. **Lew Carter Room** - Kim Segura, record collector, visited the room and is interested in either buying a set of records (~150 records) or making a donation of \$2,500 to PCHS. Janet and Teresa suggested to call the family and approve the offer/donation or return of the items. Greg suggested the 'buyer' make a list of records desired.

## Recent Activities

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## New Business

9. **Annual Meeting** - November 7th. Plans are to make the unveiling of Poydras Park. Complete sidewalk as part of donation with Cleco. Seek Randy Harelson and/or president of Cleco to speak at the opening.
10. **Grant for Building** - Steve suggested seeking someone to write a grant for the restoration of Poydras. Group agreed to follow up. Greg LaCOur knows a grant writer who may be able to assist with an assessment.
11. **Tricentennial Meeting** - Julie Lee would like to make a small biography with the founding families to preserve family histories. Projected date is November 13/14th of 2020. Seeking to use Poydras as the hosting building. Janet also commented that the concession contracts for the first families to arrive in the Louisiana colony as contracted workers were signed in Maubeuge (now Belgium) on October 19, 1719. Julie Lee proposes the reading of a proclamation on the steps of the Poydras Center on October 19, 2019, to commemorate the event, as a formal start to the Tricentennial Commission "300 Years in the Making" activities.
12. **Historical Markers** - George Miller of the Mayor's office, requests use of the auditorium on Oct. 24th to get Historical National Registry for all landmarks and have 4 guest speakers from Lt Gov Nungesser's office, who can assist interested parties with registration process and potential tax incentives.
13. **Harvest Fest** - Mark Carriere is trying to get a miniature Cotton Gin. Cooking contest will be indoors, close to the kitchen, LSU Ag Center Nutritionist will host event. Museum/exhibits will be in other downstairs rooms. Carlyn is interested in getting a simulation of what would happen if the Morganza Spillway would open. Farm Bureau Women's Committee is interested in an "Ag in the Classroom" table. Tractors will be on front lawn. Carlyn will contact Marty Gaspard about bringing antique farm equipment. Aimee will share draft of sponsor contract to Carlyn to create one for potential sponsors. Baking contest and sale plans.
  - a. Outside - Corn trough, tractors, farm safety demonstration, petting zoo (goats, rabbits, chickens, possibly pigs). Livestock team will be on hand to explain animals (how to show and take care of them). The Rodeo Team will be on site, in rodeo attire, for

photos, and to talk about rodeoing. There will be sack races, other outdoor games. Farm Bureau may provide sponsorship. If so, event at the Poydras Center can be branded as "Farm Bureau Harvest Fest," to distinguish it from the activities sponsored by Alma Plantation and the town of New Roads.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05.