

BOARD MEETING 4/24/18

5:30 PM / POYDRAS MUSEUM

ATTENDEES

Teresa Houston, Aimee Moreau, Noelie Ewing, Christine St. Romain, Janet Humphreys, Carlyn Morales, Bourg Langlois, Nancy Bergeron and Stephen Bergeron. Office Coordinator, Lorie Grezaffi - Present.

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Minutes from February meeting accepted. 1st - Janet, 2nd - Johnny.

Treasurer's Report

2. Christine read the treasurer's report. Bourg motioned to accept. Aimee seconded.

Administrator News

3. Birthday party on 21 Apr. Rocky Jarreau has done a comedy show in the auditorium, he wants to rent the auditorium for an upcoming show for \$250. The normal rate is \$500. After discussion, the board agreed that it would not be acceptable to give him that large a discount on the rates. It could set a precedent for every renter to request a discount.
4. Lorie requested bids on painting two rooms (the orange room and the red room) from Josh Guillory, and was waiting on a bid from Bordelon.
5. In comparison to the Scott Civic Center, PCHS needs a stronger contract. Current contract has no cancellation clause, so currently the entire deposit is returned if a renter cancels. Contract needs a reasonable curfew, and a "hold harmless" clause. Does security need to be on site any time alcohol is served? Should we consider discount prices for other non-profits?

Recent Activities

6. Flag Pole - Blake contacted AJ Roy for a bid on the **flag pole**, it would be around \$900. The members agreed this was a good and fair price. AJ Roy, needs three day notice for installation.
7. Chamber membership - Cost is \$100/year to join the Chamber of Commerce
8. Janet Humphreys presented board with **Royalty Check** of \$200 from Randy Harelson.
9. **Raffle of gazebo** - The question is when to hold the raffle. Discussion concluded with a decision to draw the names at the new Oak Tree Tour date, June 9th
10. **Landscape project** - Phase II, update on meetings with Nick (I had no notes on this. Bourg may have something)
11. **Watering Trees** - Paula Kleinpeter at the courthouse - providing public service hours for offenders to water trees. May be a challenge because they don't consistently have people who need to complete public service hours. May want to consider paying someone. Aimee offered that she uses city workers for the Louisiana Triathlon, paying \$10/hr. That may be an option.
12. **NRG Global Giving Day** - Teresa provided update. There is a crew willing to work if someone has the work planned out, NRG will provide \$1000 for materials and a crew of 5-6 people. Can paint rooms, if the commercial bids come in too high, or redo the front steps at the entryway. The front door entry is unsafe, needs to be framed up, pour new concrete. No permit is required for the work. Bourg offered, with Andy Ploche, to plan the work. At some point the entryway will need the hardy board replaced at the top, where a leak has damaged the wood.
13. **Oak Tree Tour update** - The tour is rescheduled to June 9th, due to the severe weather on Apr 14th. Aimee confirmed that Country Roads will include the tour in its monthly events for June. PCHS bought an ad in the March Country Roads, with the expectation that the event would be in the April calendar. Janet discussed her meeting with Jeanie Andre of the Pointe Coupee Office of Tourism, and Jeanie's agreement to include the event on the PC Office of Tourism calendar, and to push the event out to their email list. Janet dropped off the Oak Tree Tour booklet to Jeanie, and planned to drop off the new pushcards, with updated info. Aimee discussed possibly asking the Country Roads staff to include a general story on Live Oaks in the June edition. Bourg mentioned "Tune In" on WBRZ. A board member mentioned that the Morning

Advocate, in the Baton Rouge Green section, ran an article on the importance of live oaks. Janet submitted the tour as an event to the State Tourism Commission as an item of interest, as well as to LouisianaTravel.com. Aimee confirmed that the EventBrite site to purchase tickets had been updated, and purchasers had received emails about the new date. On reusing publicity materials, Aimee and Janet picked up all the yard signs, which can be reused with stickers to change the dates. Pushcards can be reused with stickers for the date change, as well as posters. Janet picked up the posters in the upper part of the parish, in Morganza, Batchelor, Innis, Lettsworth and Simmesport, to possibly reuse. This will save on spending \$240 to reprint promotional materials.

New Business

14. The **driveway** by the Poydras Center is being used like a road, as a cut-through to and from Main Street. Bourg said this is a self-correcting problem, as the driveway condition will cause people to slow down. There is no liability issue if someone's vehicle is damaged due to excessive speed.
15. Janet mentioned two upcoming issues.
 - a. Does PCHS want another printing of the "**New Roads and Old Rivers**" book. As we get close to only 500 books remaining, it is time to decide whether to reprint. If the number of copies is too low, LSU Press will consider the book out of print, and will not reprint. This would be the 3rd printing of the book. It will be a consider outlay of money up front, in the ballpark of \$20,000, to buy at least half of the printed copies. The Police Jury may be interested in buying, as gifts from the city, or the new Parish Council president may be interested in an up-front purchase.
 - b. The **300th anniversary of the founding of Pointe Coupee Parish** will be in 2022. That is four years away, but it takes time to decide what the focus of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society is going to be. This will be an item for future discussion.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30.