

Pointe Coupee Historical Society Board Meeting

March 15, 2022

Minutes

Our president Janet Humphreys called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Poydras Museum.

1. Roll Call: Members present included Janet Humphreys, Greg LaCour, Blake Scheeler, Jeanne James, Steve Bergeron, Paula Lambert, Carlyn Morales, Michelle Rabalais, Marsue May, David James and Mindy LaCour. Jimmy Duckworth requested to attend by phone. Steve called him from the meeting.

2. Greg LaCour moved that we accept the minutes as written from our February 15, 2022 meeting and that motion was seconded by Steve Bergeron.

3. Our Treasurer Rose O'Rear was unable to attend. In her absence, Mindy LaCour reported that the balance of the PCHS Building Fund is \$27,613.00, The PCHS Society Fund balance was \$38,864.48 and our PCHS Society Savings account balance is \$151,655.27. Steve Bergeron moved that we accept the Treasurers Report as delivered and his motion was seconded by Greg LaCour.

4. Building and Event report: -Mindy LaCour reported that she had applied for and received a \$20,000 state tourism attraction grant. It is reimbursable for costs associated with the attractions we have at the building. Wonderful news! -Building repair updates: The roofer will be repairing the front portico at a cost of \$3000. Janet will request a written estimate from the painter to paint the front entrance of the Poydras Museum. Greg and the electrician continue to work on the tracks for the lighting for the upcoming exhibit installation. Janet painted the picture rails for the studio upstairs and they are now ready to be hung. The new exhibit room is painted and the carpenter has finished all work in the studio and the ballroom. Greg suggested that we get an estimate for a film to be put on the windows in the stairwell on the third floor which will still allow light to come through but will disguise the stairwell behind it. -Mindy announced that the American Queen continues to come to visit Pointe Coupee 1 to 2 times a week. Volunteers are always welcome and needed to serve as tour guides and facilitators for these visits. -Janet announced that she had applied to the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation nominating The Poydras Museum as one of Louisiana's "Most Endangered Places". Update to follow. - Janet and Mindy shared that in February they provided a list of our activities and endeavors to Pointe Coupee Parish officials and will be sharing an update to the Parish 3 to 4 times a year as to all of the exciting developments within our organization.

5. Upcoming Activities: -April 24, 2022: Miss Jane Pittman Oak Tree Dedication in honor of Ernest J Gaines and the opening of "People, Porches, and Places" exhibit! Reception at Poydras to follow that afternoon. -May 1, 2022: PCHS Annual Jazz Brunch

6. New Business: -Janet announced that they Office of Tourism would like to partner with PCHS to update the Oak Tree Tour booklet and make it an Oak Tree Trail. We will coordinate with Tourism Director and PCHS board member Carlyn Morales on this project. - Janet shared with us some examples of rack cards and tourism printed materials which she will seek to create in collaboration with Temple Designs to promote our organizations exhibits, activities and events. This cost of this type of printed advertisement can be covered under the grant that Mindy just received. David moved that we proceed with the creation of this type of advertising material to increase the public awareness of all that we have to offer, and his motion was seconded by Blake.

7. Old Business: Planning continues on the dedication of the highway road marker commemorating the Miss Jane Pittman Oak Tree in honor of highly acclaimed Pointe Coupee native son, author Ernest J. Gaines on April 24, 2022.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned following a motion by David and seconded by Blake.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne James