

**PCHS Board Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2025**

The Agenda below was followed:

**Call to order** - Welcome and Mission Statement. President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. James welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**Roll Call:** Director Mindy LaCour called the roll.

**Present:**

Jeanne James  
Joseph H. Cotten, Jr.  
Greg LaCour  
Paula Lambert  
David James  
Michelle Rabalais (via phone)  
Mindy LaCour  
Carlyn Morales  
Hosea Doucet  
Rose O'Rear

**Absent:**

Melissa Smith  
Fr. Pike Thomas

**Accept minutes from September meeting:** Mrs. Rose O'Rear made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 2025 meeting. Dr. Hosea Doucet seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report: Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr**  
**Mindy LaCour June P&L**

Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. reported the following information on the PCHS accounts:

Balances as of January 31, 2025:

- Building Fund: \$42,547.10
- Society Fund: \$52,465.29
- 7-month CD: \$111,605.54 (a 4.05% interest rate)
- Donation CD: \$101,751.71
- S/A: \$52,465.29

Mr. David James motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour presented the May 2025 Profit & Loss Statement.

**Executive Director's Report: Mindy LaCour**



Executive Director's report

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- We are all set for the Jazz Brunch with Margo Bouanchaud as the caterer at Sara and Kevin's house. Discussion to raise ticket price to \$165 to cover the increase in food costs. It was decided to keep the ticket price \$150.
- I spoke with Cletus Langlais at the city and he is working on our security lights.
- I have filled out all the paperwork for the \$50,000 line-item appropriation for the HVAC units and we will be receiving the first 50% soon.
- We have 8 artists that have applied for 2026 for the pop-up art exhibits. The first one will be in January of 2026
- The membership information along with the annual meeting/social is going out in the mail Friday, October 17.

- The Moby wooden sign is in production and will be ready soon. Andre Monceret donated the wood. The engraving is covered by my grant.
- We have \$1,680 left on the grant that must be used by the end of the December. Any more ideas for our agriculture exhibit which is what the grant is for? Many suggestions were given and Mindy will work on a few of them.
- Mindy assisted Richard Gibbs with his Garden tour last week and sold \$60 worth of LeJeune House books written by Brian Costello.

- Sponsor packet ready to hand out

#### **Up Coming Events:**

- October 31-November 2 Harvest Festival in NR
- November 1: Ag day at The Poydras Center
- November 9: Annual Meeting/Social sponsored by the Cotten Family 12:15
- November 21,22,23: Holiday Market at the Mill

#### **New Business:**

- Annual Mtg/Social: Cotten Family will sponsor the reception. The movie: Ancestral Artistry will be shown and Brian Costello and Eddie Cazayoux will be there to answer questions as part of a panel discussion following the movie. The event will be advertised in Country Roads in November, which is covered by a grant. Brian Davis (LTHP) will make a Presentation of Organizational Excellence Award to us. The event will also be in the Banner.
- The historical marker for the Founder of the City of New Roads has been approved by the state and we will need to pay for the fabrication.
- Jazz Brunch - It will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Gummow. Caterer Margo Bouanchaud will cater. Mrs. LaCour asked each board member to obtain (1) sponsorship.
- Mrs. LaCour showed the membership mailer and annual social flier to the board. PCHS paid \$500 to show this movie to the community. Mr. Greg LaCour stated PCHS needs to get people into the building to see the movie. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr.'s family is sponsoring the reception.
- Mrs. LaCour will add information about the 3rd floor exhibit to the Jazz Brunch sponsor packet.
- Mrs. LaCour gave reported a list of upcoming events.

#### **Old Business:**

- Jane Pittman Oak rededication to happen the weekend of January 18 (MLK day and Ernest Gaines birthday)
- Any news on Brian's book? Mrs. Michelle Rabalais stated that there is not an established timeline at this time, but Mr. Costello is excited about the opportunity to speak.
- Any new board member names besides Theresa Hay. Mrs. Michelle Rabalais suggested Mr. Paul Roy. Mrs. Paula Lambert stated that Ms. Katrice Albert is interested. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. suggested contacting Mrs. Ginger Miller about reaching out to family members in Morganza.
- President James asked for a motion to approve Mrs. Theresa Hay to be added to the board. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. made a motion to add Mrs. Hay to the board. Mrs. Rose O'Rear seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Mr. LaCour stated that the Annual Meeting needs to be quick and offered to be the emcee for the event. Mrs. LaCour stated that PCHS needs to report on the accomplishments of the previous year. Planning for calling the meeting to order and presenting the information at the meeting was discussed. It was decided that Mrs. LaCour would present the information.
- Magnolia Mound is interested in PCHS events. Mrs. LaCour will send the information.
- Mrs. Robillard stated that she will be presenting a tour of Old River Locks for Olli.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Mr. David James seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting: November 9, 2025. The Annual meeting will be the November meeting.**