

**PCHS Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025**

The agenda below was followed:

Call to order - Welcome and Mission Statement. President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Paula Lambert called the roll.

Present:

Jeanne James
Joseph H. Cotten
Greg LaCour
Paula Lambert
David James
Michelle Rabalais (via phone)
Mindy LaCour
Fr. Pike Thomas

Absent:

Melissa Smith
Hosea Doucet
Rose O'Rear
Carlyn Morales

Accept minutes from May meeting: Mr. Greg LaCour made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 2025 meeting. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten 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: \$38,371.35
- Society Fund: \$42,409.55
- 7-month CD: \$111,605.54 (a 4.05% interest rate)
- Donation CD: \$101,751.71
- S/A: \$52,465.29

Father Pike Thomas motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. David James seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour presented the August Profit & Loss Statement along with the full accounting from the year.

Executive Director's Report: Mindy LaCour



Executive Director's report

September 18, 2025

- The Jazz Brunch will be on March 22. It will be at the Bouanchaud/Gummow house.
- I am trying to confirm with Margo and City Pork to cater the event
- Security light? No luck with the city, Jodie Cotten will talk with the Mayor
- \$50,000 from state appropriations has been granted to us for HVAC projects. Awaiting more information.
- Working on the next Poydras Center Pop up Exhibit with Gale
- Looking for artists for 2026 spread the word. (currently 4)

- Working on agenda for November annual meeting with Jodie and Jeanne
- Will start working on membership mail out for October including annual mtg, membership, Jazz Brunch
- Attended Destination Downtown in El Dorado Arkansas last week.
- I sit on the Thriving Communities advisory committee for the grant awarded to our Mainstreet program
- I met Kristen who is the project director for the 1927 flood. Our marker is paid for with a grant. They are hoping for an October installation...reception event? First marker is free, possible second marker at Torres.

Up Coming Events:

- September 30: Chamber Lunch and Learn:
- October 1: Coffee and Conversation and hanging new art
- October 3: Reception for Pop Up Art: October to December, last pop up of the year
- October 13: Hosting the Thriving community's workshop here 11-1 and 4-7

Mr. Joseph H. Cotten suggested adding gravel in parking spaces on the front lawn. Mr. David James is investigating options.

Mr. Joseph Cotten will ask the Mayor about the security light on the property that the Society would like to add.

New Business:

- Resignation; Pete Alongia, Mindy read a letter that Pete had sent to the board.
- New Board Members; There are currently 4 positions available. Discussion was held on suggestions for new members and current members were assigned the task of contacting them and getting back with the board.

Old Business:

- Sign at Jane Pittman Oak looks great. The bricks for the Miss Jane Pitmann Oak sign were donated by LSU thanks to Mr. Greg LaCour and have been delivered to the site. Co-Donor, Katrice Albert, would like to participate in a rededication. October 19 at 3:00 was the suggested date and time by the board.
- Jazz Brunch - start looking for sponsors
- Reception for Brian Costello's new book. Mrs. Michelle Robillard will talk with Mr. Costello about the date his new book will be published.
- Designated award for historic preservation? Name the award, first recipient? January was suggested as the date for this award presentation.
- Mrs. Michelle Robillard discussed a non-profit software for memberships, newsletters, etc. Mindy is going to follow up with that for membership options on the website.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. David James motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2025.