

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and read the Mission Statement.

Roll Call – Secretary Mrs. Paula Lambert called the roll. Present were President Jeanne James, Mr. Greg LaCour, Mrs. Rose O’Rear, Mrs. Carlyn Morales, Mrs. Marsue May, Secretary Mrs. Paula Lambert, Mr. David James, Mr. Peter Alongia, Dr. Hosea Doucet, Fr. Pike Thomas, Mrs. Melissa Smith, and Mrs. Mindy LaCour. Absent: Ms. Michelle Rabalais.

President Jeanne James introduced new board member, Mr. Joseph H. Cotton Jr, who has been put forward to take over as Treasurer.

- Mrs. Melissa Smith was introduced and gave a background summary, and Fr. Pike Thomas was introduced and gave a background summary.
- Mr. David James discussed Fr. Pike’s book “LeDoux,” and Mrs. Mindy LaCour informed the board that the book is on sale as a fundraiser for the Historical Society for \$20.00 per book
- Mr. Jodie Cotton was introduced and gave a brief background summary.
- The Board gave introductions of themselves to the new members.

Accept minutes from the December meeting: Mr. David James made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 2023 meeting. Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rose O’Rear gave the Treasurer’s Report. Fr. Pike Thomas moved to accept the Financial Report, Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Mrs. Mindy LaCour explained the Building, Society, CD and Savings accounts to the new members.

Mrs. Marsue May motioned to approve Mr. Jodie Cotton as a member of the board and Treasurer. Dr. Hosea Doucet seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour gave the Executive Director’s Report.



Executive Director’s report

1/18/24

- We have a new photography exhibit in the museum rooms that will be up until the end of March
- The City of New Roads will start maintaining our yard starting this month in exchange for rental space
- tables and chairs moved from under the stairs per the fire marshal.
- John Dupont interviewed me and Jeanne about the upcoming 100-year celebration
- Jeanne and I met with Baton Rouge Area Foundation rep to talk about recommendations they might have for donors to include PCHS in their donations.
- Donation from Orion New Generation LLC \$2000
- Donation from Lions Club \$1000
- Poydras Funds 2023 = \$2491.62

- I have been helping Rose in this transition time to pay bills and make deposits.
- We have 7 plaques to order, waiting on 3 more before I submit to have them made.
- Update on Classical Shindig; We netted: \$4100. Wonderful event that Emily Smith brought to us.
- I would like to suggest purchasing a new oven for the kitchen. 30" free-standing self-clean electric range \$548 from Bellelo's
- Sponsorship for New Roads Car show; \$100
- Joint sponsorship with Arts Council of PC to put on Taste of PC this Saturday night. We have a few tickets left.
- 100-yr committee met on Monday. We have a Platinum Sponsor; The Jewell Family. We will hire Aimee to do a few media things for us to help with the media blasts; trying to get community entities to do fundraiser for the food portion of Saturday night event (Centre for the Arts will have something). Trying to get a tent sponsor, 2 band sponsors, and a bar sponsor to help with expenses. Will have a 360-photo booth at one of the events. We have raised \$15,900 so far and have not sold many tickets yet.... off to a great start! (Seafood grant might not be available so menu not seafood heavy)
- NROR books will be in the LSU press ware house on the 22nd, then will be delivered out here.
- Events:
 - Pop up reception 1/5/24
 - Raymond Shexnyder memorial 1/12/24
 - Classical Shindig 1/13/24
- Upcoming Events:
 - Taste of PC on Saturday, 1/20/24
 - Chamber lunch and learn; Chavanne Debetaz with Cazayoux Creative will speak on growing your business. 12:00 here at Poydras 2/1/24
 - American Queen 2/14/24

Mrs. Mindy LaCour requested that a new stove/oven be purchased for the kitchen in the amount of \$548. Mrs. Carlyn Morales moved to approve the purchase. Mr. Peter Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. More discussion ensued, and further pricing will be obtained on a larger oven or possibly two ovens. Mrs. Mindy LaCour will poll caterers who use the facility on their preference.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour presented the New Roads Car Show Sponsorship for \$100.00. Mrs. Carlyn Morales moved to make the donation. Mr. Peter Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Fill more board slots: Mrs. Cappie Merrick declined the position. Mrs. Mindy LaCour asked the board for recommendations for new board members. She suggested the board invite Mr. Brent Labatut. Mrs. Debbie Alongia mentioned that she is interested in joining the board. There as a motion that nominating committee revisit potential board members by Fr. Pike Thomas.

Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Joseph H. Cotton accepted the position as Treasurer of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society and is authorized to be added to all bank accounts.

Tree Trimming: Mr. Hosea Doucet reported that Mr. Randy Harelson and Mr. Pete Morales will work together to trim the trees on the property. Mr. Greg LaCour will help organize the trimming of the trees.

Old Business:

Rebirth Grant progress: Mrs. Mindy LaCour reported that we have no update on the status of the Rebirth Grant. The board discussed further ideas for the funding if the History Harvest of Cherie Quarters is not completed. Mrs. Melissa Smith suggested that relatives of Author Ernest Gaines might be interested in participating in the History Harvest Project.

Mr. Greg LaCour recommended that the board be emailed the parameters of the grant.

Mrs. Marsue May stated she would contact Mrs. Rabalais to see if she is still working on the project. Mr. David James suggested that the Historical Society could take up the project and potentially use some of the funds to replace the Ernest Gaines Marker that was stolen. Different ideas were discussed concerning oral histories and videography's, including Mr. Peter Alongia whose friend did those services for the D-Day Museum in New Orleans.

Adjournment: Mr. David James moved to adjourn the meeting. Fr. Pike Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
Respectfully Submitted
Paula Lambert; Secretary

Next meeting: February 15, 2024