

PCHS Board Meeting

July 19, 2022

Minutes

In the absence of our President Janet Humphreys, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Greg LaCour. Greg began the meeting by reading from the PCHS Mission Statement.

1. Roll call: Board members present included Greg LaCour, Rose O'Rear, Jeanne James, Carlyn Morales, Michelle Rabalais, Marsue May, David James, Paula Lambert and Mindy LaCour.
2. Minutes approval: Greg moved that we accept the minutes as written from our June, 2022 meeting and he was seconded by Rose.
3. Treasurers report: Our Treasurer, Rose O'Rear, reported a balance of \$19,070.58 in the PCHS Building Fund, the Society Fund balance is \$29,787.08 and our Savings Account balance is \$151,779.98 all as of the end of July. It was noted that Mindy had purchased a new computer and monitor for the building. Carlyn moved that we approve the Treasurers Report and was seconded by Michelle.
4. Building Report: - Mindy reported that Crystal with Tax Prep will not be renewing her lease and that Kimberly Miller will be renting room 227 beginning in August. Creighton Stout will be renting the interior office space in the Lew Carter room also beginning in August. -Per Janet's request, Mindy checked on advertising at the BR Airport. A rate of \$2,000-\$4,000 a month is the fee depending on location. It was agreed that that may be a little steep for our budget unless we could partner with other agencies within the parish. Carlyn reported that a good source for our PCHS flyers could be the WBR Parish Museum and various campgrounds around the area. Paula volunteered to work with Carlyn to compile a list of those locations. - Mindy is working on carrying Ernest Gaines and Brian Costello's books online. - It has been proposed that we partner with the Arts Council to host a quarterly art show in the museum room with an opening reception on the first evening. Gail Roy will locate the artists who might be interested in participating. Additionally, we agreed to work with the Arts Council on a Valentines Dinner before the Arts Council program on February 11, 2023. We would host a catered dinner for 40 people in the museum room with members of both boards as wait staff. Proceeds from the ticket sales for the dinner would be split with the Arts Council. This will be presented to the Arts Council for approval at their meeting.
5. Old Business: - Louisiana MainStreet Grant: Greg and Creighton got together and created a plan. Joe Langlois submitted a proposal for repairing the windows on the first floor. Mindy will submit grant to LA Mainstreet Grant portal. Mindy announced that the Jazz Brunch committee would meet at Valverde on July 21 at 5:00 PM to meet with the owners to discuss Jazz Brunch. It was suggested that we should continue to pursue the possibility of hosting a Road Trip in the fall. We all expressed an interest in visiting the River Road African American Museum in Donaldsonville and other sites along the river road. -With Father Pike Thomas (a highly regarded expert in historical genealogy) moving to New Roads this Fall, we would also like to host a genealogical roundtable discussion as to the history of some of the families of Pointe Coupee. Michelle (herself a genealogical expert) concurred, saying there are many fascinating stories about previous residents of Pointe Coupee and shared a couple of tales with us.
6. New Business: -A tentative date of November 20, 2022 was set for our PCHS Annual Meeting. We were asked to consider submitting a suggestion for a possible guest speaker for the meeting. -Mindy announced that she is coordinating with the PC Museum director as to the pricing of New Roads and Old Rivers books.
7. There being no further business Carlyn moved that the meeting be adjourned and her motion was seconded by Michelle. Respectfully submitted, Jeanne James, Recording Secretary.