

Our President, Michelle Rabalais called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and read from our PCHS Mission Statement.

1. Roll Call: Members present included Michelle Rabalais, Greg LaCour, Rose O' Rear, Jeanne James, Carlyn Morales, Marsue May, Paula Lambert, David James, Debbie Martin, Hosea Doucet, and Mindy LaCour.
2. David James moved that we accept the minutes from our May meeting and was seconded by Greg LaCour.
3. Treasurers report: Our Treasurer Rose O'Rear, along with our President Michelle Rabalais presented a 2023 profit and loss recap to the board. As of the end of May our PCHS Building Fund has a balance of \$26,174.07 while the PCHS Society Fund has a balance of \$27,517.98 and our PCHS Savings Account has a balance of \$101,048.08, along with a Certificate of Deposit with a balance of \$52,016.09.
4. Executive Directors report: Mindy LaCour
  - Mindy presented the board with a "Grant Tracker" report on all of the grants that she has applied for and received which added up to a total of \$71,000 that she has taken in on behalf of the PCHS. Great job Mindy in obtaining these much-needed funds!
  - There is a large beehive to the left of the front door of the building and Mindy has contacted an expert bee professional, John Rimes, who has agreed to remove the hive and repair the building as needed. Rose moved that we authorize funds for this purpose and she was seconded by Marsue.
  - In other positive financial news, Mindy announced that she has been hired as the new Program Director for the Market at the Mill. In salary discussions, she negotiated to have 15% of the market proceeds payable to the PCHS! The next market will be the weekend of November 17 and 18th.
  - It was decided that we will move forward with a garage sale including items from some of the storage rooms in the building and inviting the community to participate for a fee of \$25 will be charged for a table. The date will be July 29, 2023 from 8:00 to noon.
  - A Henry Watson piece of art was donated in exchange for some records. Skipper Post will present his donation at the July board meeting
  - Mindy Wrote for a Celebration Grant with Arts Council for the 2024 Pop Up Art Exhibit.
  - Filed annual report with the LA Government
  - Had light bulbs replaced throughout the building
  - S&S Sprinkler will come on Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Work has begun on the plastering and repainting of the museum rooms.
  - Our tax return has been completed and filed
  - Lights were put in by the walk way. David James arranged this. The remaining money from NextEra will be used on the lights in the big sign out front.
  - Outside sign to be refurbished with remaining money from LOT Grant.
  - Events: 6/17 birthday party in the ballroom, 6/23 Shayna Landry in auditorium, 7/7 Pop up Art reception, 7/21-7/23 LA Bar Foundation meeting

5. Events Committee report: Marsue May; Marsue shared some thoughts that the committee has compiled as to future activities that could be sponsored by the PCHS. Harvest Festival will be held November 3, 2023 and the PCHS plans to participate. The weekend of April 6 and 7th, 2024 was selected to host festivities to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Poydras High School.

6. New Business:

- Society financial sustainability. Michelle referred back to the Profit and Loss statement and the board did some brainstorming as to how to best ensure our financial stability moving forward.

- Michelle discussed the potential for a literary festival fundraiser honoring Pointe Coupee native Ernest Gaines. She agreed to compose an outline of the specific thoughts that she had as to how to best structure the festival. More to come!
- Greg proposed that we install blackout film on the windows in the theater as the black out curtains are in a state of disrepair. No decision was made, tabled to next meeting.
- Greg reported that Joanna Wurtele has generously offered to pay for framing the beautiful Glen Morgan drawings that could be hung in the Museum.

#### 7. Old Business:

- Our sound engineer Orlando gave us a price of \$8633.80 for all of the items necessary to bring the sound booth up to speed.
- Continued removal of the albums is ongoing. Debbie and Rose offered to check on available volunteers through the court and/or Sheriff's office. The gentleman who donated the Henry Watson in exchange for the 78 collections will be back in the next few days to retrieve them.
- The bollard lighting has been purchased and installed along the front sidewalk. Mindy thanked David for his efforts in securing the lights and supervising their installation. Funds from the Next Era donation covered the cost.
- Discussion of the allocation of the \$10,000 Operations Grant were tabled until our next meeting.

8. There being no further business, Carlyn Morales moved that the meeting be adjourned and she was seconded by Marsue May.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne James, Recording Secretary