

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

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

Roll Call – In the secretary's absence, President Jeanne James called the roll. Present: President, Mrs. Jeanne James, Vice President, Mr. Greg LaCour, Treasurer, Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Mr. David James, Dr. Hosea Doucet, Mrs. Rose O'Rear, Mr. Peter Alongia, Mrs. Michelle Rabalais, Fr. Pike Thomas, and Executive Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour

Accept minutes from the March meeting: Fr. Pike had a few grammatical errors he wanted fixed on the May Minutes. Fr. Pike made a motion to accept the minutes, David James seconded and the Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Joseph H. Cotten Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance for building fund is \$48,973.20, the balance for the general fund is \$61,510.99, the balance for the savings account is \$52,221.56 and the CD is worth \$105,512.42. Greg LaCour made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Michelle Rabalais seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Mindy LaCour gave her Executive Director's report:

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1. We continue to sell books through our website each month.
2. S & S Sprinkler has repaired all of our fire suppression system and I have closed out the grant that supported it.
3. Woodman Life provided us a new flag for our flagpole and will continue to do that. Photos on FB
4. I would like to request we engage Aimee Morreau to help update the website for \$250. She had a short WIX (our website company) workshop for me and Paula that was helpful. Request was granted.
5. Still taking in money to be on the donor board for the 100-yr
6. David James had his workers help clean out the annex of broken shelving units and display cases.

Up Coming Events:

July 10: Ribbon Cutting for the mural on the side of Ma Mama's at 5:00pm

July 12: Pop up Art Reception for next Art Show. Ronnie Collins and Elaine Erikson (6:00 pm Poydras)

New Business:

- Fr. Pike had some suggestions; to have an event to promote our mission, something to promote heritage properties and tax incentives, a committee to bring the Historical Society up front in the community, and to create a heritage trail. Discussion was held on the items. Mindy brought up the information that she, Paula and Carlyn are meeting with a trail creator on Monday and that will cover several of his suggestions.
- It was decided to have the Jazz Brunch in March of 2025 on either of the last 2 Sundays. The following homes were put up for consideration: Sara and Kevin Gummow's home, Lakeside, White Hall, LaCour House, Bella Vista.
- Marsue and her husband have moved out of state.
- Michelle presented the board with the opportunity to apply for a grant to help the Clerk of Court with the preservation of collections and artifacts. She will get the information to Mindy to review and it will then be brought to the board to determine if it is something they want Mindy to apply for.

Old Business:

- **Rebirth Grant:** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais reported that the session will occur on June 22 at St. Augustine Church. ULL will be the repository for the information. It will be an open forum with 10 questions asked to engage the participants in conversation. There will be a videographer and a transcriber. There should be around 6 participants.
- **Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement:** The cost estimate is approximately \$3,000 and \$9-\$10K for 10 years of maintenance and security. There will be a security camera that will be monitored. BRAF has several donors along with a local donor. Greg will order the sign and BRAF will send the donations to the Historical Society.
- **Bylaws update:** Pete Alongia reported that the committee met and finalized the new suggested By-Laws. As Pete will be out of town for the next few months, Greg will send them out to the Board for approval and then they will be presented at the annual meeting in November.

Adjournment: Michelle Rabalais made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:26, Joseph H. Cotten Jr. seconded, motion passed.

Next meeting: July 18, 2024