

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, Marsue May, Paula Lambert, David James, Peter Alongia, Hosea Doucet, and Mindy LaCour. Debbie Martin and Janet Humphreys participated by phone.
2. Greg LaCour moved that we accept the minutes from our May meeting and was seconded by Peter Alongia.
3. Treasurers report: Our Treasurer Rose O'Rear, reported that the PCHS Society Fund has a balance of \$28,775.16 as of June 30, 2023. Our Building Fund contains a balance of \$10,488.20, while our Savings Account contains \$52,024.64. Our CD balance stands at \$101,394.15. Marsue May moved to accept the Treasurers Report and Paula Lambert seconded the motion. It was further noted that our President, Michelle Rabalais had generously donated \$500 to the PCHS to purchase a box of the "New Roads and Old Rivers" books.
4. Executive Directors report: Mindy LaCour

### **Executive Director's report**

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- Grants and Grant paperwork have been completed for LA Attractions Grant, LA Mainstreet Restoration Grant, 2022 Recovery Grant, and Celebration Grant for Pop Up Exhibit 2023. We are still waiting for reimbursement from the Mainstreet Grant (\$10,000) and for the Pop-Up Exhibit (\$1500). The sign has been repainted and the large branding has been changed.
- Updated Grant Tracker
- We had power go out in the building in the beginning of the month. This caused a power surge. We lost power to the elevator and it got stuck on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. I negotiated with Schindler down to \$600 from \$2200.
- Leak on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor through to my office. AC units are fading fast. Several are not in working order right now.
- Most of the albums have been removed from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor record room. They will go in the garage sale. Other items will be sold and donated if not sold. Greg made a motion to have the money raised, other than the albums, go to the Society Fund. Passed unanimously.
- Mainstreet grant application for 2023/24 due at the end of the month. I would like to apply to have the sprinkler system repaired. Bill is \$11,365.00. We would apply for half that amount as we would have to use matching funds.
- 5 new memberships. Total in membership fees for 2023 is \$14,900
- NROR getting closer to the reprinting. Handwritten thank you notes have been sent to the \$11,730 donors.
- Bee removal has been completed
- Went to an Atchafalaya National Heritage Area meeting.
- Went to a Mainstreet conference where "Successful Board Meetings" was the topic. Guest Speaker from North Carolina.
- Garage Sale a week from Saturday. 4 booths have been reserved. Advertisement in the Banner this week. Annex store room and all the mechanical rooms on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor have items to be sold. Items not sold will be donated.
- Farm Bureau and the Visitor's Center are looking at renting the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor ballroom on a yearly basis. This will add to our collections that will be available for visitors. October 21 is the last venue rental on the books for the ballroom. Mother's Club also looking at putting a display on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- Orlando is installing the new sound system funded by Jazz Brunch. We will not use the total amount raised. \$8292.52 including installation
- The PC Banner Back to School advertisement is \$65

- We will be participating in Boo and Brew again in October
- Joanna Wurtele has made some book and other donations to us from her gallery.
- Piano; owner was found and does not want the piano back.
- Events;

La Law Foundation 7/20-7/22

Garage Sale 7/29

Mindy out August 3-7

5. New Business:

- Michelle produced a paper listing the schedule of board members terms. There was discussion over whether the information was correct and whether it is supported by the by-laws. Mindy can supply the correct dates. Discussion ensued as to board appointments moving forward.
- An effort will be made to further investigate splitting our tax burden between our various accounts.
- The record room has been successfully emptied and some adjustment will be made to allow it to be rented. Mindy will continue to try to sell the albums.
- It was reported the windowsills on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are in disrepair and need attention
- Michelle has applied for a \$16,000 grant via the LA Dept. of cultural Development

6. Old Business:

- Gaines Literary Festival-Michelle is continuing to brainstorm and develop ideas for a weekend long literary festival honoring local treasures, author Earnest Gaines.
- By-Laws revision: Peter announced that they are continuing to work on the revisions and will update in weeks to come.
- Marsue moved that we apply for the LA Mainstreet grant again to pay for the repair of the sprinkler system. Rose seconded the motion.

7. Adjournment:

There being no further business, David James moved that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Greg LaCour

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne James, Recording Secretary