

Minutes PCHS Board meeting Minutes

9.21.2021

Call to Order and Mission statement at 5:40

1. **Roll Call:** In attendance are Janet Humphreys, Greg LaCour by phone, Rose O'Rear, Carlyn Morales, Michelle Rabalais, and Mindy LaCour
2. **Accept August Minutes:** Carlyn made a motion to accept and Michelle seconded. Minutes were accepted from August meeting.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Rose gave the report. The 13 month CD at Guaranty Bank becomes eligible to move this month. All paperwork has been completed. The money from the CD will be moved to the Savings account. Rose also explained that we will have a business account rather than a consumer account which will come with new regulations. This was initiated by the bank. Mindy, Janet and Rose will meet with the bank clarify. Michelle moved to accept report; Carlyn seconded.
4. **Building and Event Report:** Mindy reported the following:
 - a. Mindy and Carlyn updated the Board on the dates the American Queen Steamboat company will be coming to New Roads. The Poydras Center will host a mini market place that will also be open to local people. Vendor tables (17 tables) will be available for \$25 a day (7 dates). The vendors will contact Mindy to register. Donation jar available for the tourists to make donations as the venue will be free to them. The Poydras Center will have a table and sell books, and ceramic building replicas. Event sponsored by Tourism, Main Street and PCHS.
 - b. Still waiting on bids to tear down plaster wall in the 3rd floor Ball room.
 - c. We will be donating \$5,000 to the PC Early Childhood program as we have in the past.
 - d. The Arts Council will once again hold their Arts Council Performing Arts Series at Poydras.
 - e. Paperwork required to report on how the fund was spent is now completed for LEH Grant
5. **Upcoming Activities: none at this time**
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **The Poydras Fund.** Janet reported that we will be presenting information on Poydras Center maintenance to the 2 Parish Council Members who oversee the funds. We will offer a monthly request or a yearly request. Greg and Creighton will work on a 1-year plan, a 2-year plan, and a 5-year plan as part of a Capital Budget. The maintenance of the Julian Poydras grave will also be a request for funding, as well as educational programs.
 - b. **The Jane Pittman Oak** was approved for a historical marker in August 2021. Greg is following through with the logistics of determining right of way on Highway 416, and to have the marker installed. We will work towards a tree dedication. There was a suggestion to make this an "Earnest Gaines Day" to coincide with this event. Carlyn and Tourism will team up with PCHS and the City to see if there is enough interest to make this happen.
 - c. **Jazz Brunch 2022** will be on May 1, 2022 at Wickliffe.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **The Annual Meeting:** Discussion was held on the upcoming annual meeting. This will occur before the end of the year. Mindy will arrange for a membership drive and invite people to donate through **225 Gives** to increase funds raised. Janet had some suggestions for speakers and anyone else having ideas is welcome to present them to the Board. This will need to be decided by the October meeting.

The board went to the 3rd floor to look at the Ball room and studio to see the renovations that will need to occur to make the space usable for art installations and programming to take place up there.

8. Adjourn 7:15

Respectfully submitted by Mindy LaCour