

PCHS Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2025

The agenda below was followed:

Call to order - Welcome and Mission Statement. President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and she referred everyone to look at the Mission Statement which was displayed.

Roll Call: Since Secretary Paula Lambert was absent, Mindy LaCour called the roll.

Present:

Jeanne James, Greg LaCour, Joseph H. Cotten Jr., Rose O'Rear, David James, Fr. Pike Thomas, Michelle Rabalais on the phone, Melissa Smith, and Mindy LaCour

Absent:

Paula Lambert, Peter Alongia, Hosea Doucet and Carlyn Morales

Guest Speaker:

Charles Smith with Smith-LBA Insurance explained our increase in premium for the next year. Discussion was held on what our policy includes.

Accept minutes from March 2025 meeting: Jodie made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2025 meeting. Fr. Picke seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report: Joseph H. Cotten, Jr;
Mindy LaCour January P&L**

Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. reported the following information on the PCHS accounts:

Balances as of February 28, 2025:

- Building Fund: \$40,012.00
- Business Fund: \$87,930.68
- 7-month CD: \$109,000.00
- 7-month CD: \$100,000.00 (anonymous donor money)
- S/A: \$52,421.34

Greg LaCour made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. David James seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mindy LaCour presented the January 2025 Profit & Loss Statement which showed a net operating balance of \$3010.00.



Executive Director's report

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- **Jazz Brunch**

78 tickets sold, we fed 103 people, 21 from sponsorships

\$10,700 in sponsorships + \$1,700 from in-kind sponsors (tent, LA seafood, Oxbow drink)

\$10,425 in ticket sales

\$8696 in expenses

\$14,129 in profit

We had 2 visitors from Magnolia Mound; they were very impressed and want to duplicate

Thank you notes written to sponsors

- Working on the Ag exhibit on 3rd floor. The Museum at The Poydras Center signs for yard sign have come in. Will put them up

- Greg and I met with Andre Monceret and he is going to start working on the table for Moby
- Hot water heater is fixed for the kitchen sinks. Thank you, David!
- Too busy to work on GPS Travel Story this month
- Blinds have come in for the 3rd floor Pilates room; Greg and I will replace those and fill in the museum room with the ones that are in good shape.
- Will be attending the LA Trust for Historic Preservation Conference, in Shreveport next week
- Another Market at the Mill is in the books. Thank you to those who volunteered!!
- Centre for the Arts will be using the auditorium for their show this spring
- Prevent Child Abuse press conference will be on the lawn again; blue pinwheels
- AC evaluation for 3rd floor ballroom and auditorium units. Patched the auditorium and put a Band-Aid on the ones in the ballroom. We will get an estimate for the older one in the ballroom to replace now

Up Coming Events:

- April 23: Prevent Child Abuse press conference: Poydras front lawn 8-8:30
- April 27: Boiling on False River 1:00 to 3:00 pm
- May 3,4: Centre for the Arts Spring Show
- May 30: Opening Reception for Treasures

New Business:

- Father Pike would like to take the lead on getting a historical marker commemorating the bicentennial of the founding of the community of New Roads by a free woman of color. Her name was Marie Catherine Depau dite la Fille Gougis.
Father Pike will be out of the country for the next month so Michelle Rabalais and Greg LaCour will work to submit it to the state by the yearly May deadline.

Old Business:

- Jane Pittman Oak update; David James will coordinate with BRAF to see if there can be a coordinated effort for the instillation and ribbon cutting. The cameras have been installed and are working.

Motion to adjourn: David James motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Melissa Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: 5/15/25