

Minutes PCHS Board meeting

6.30.2021

Call to Order and Mission statement at 5:37

1. **Roll Call:** In attendance are Janet Humphreys, Greg LaCour, Rose O'Rear, Carlyn Morales, Blake Sheeler, Michelle Rabalais, Steve Bergeron, and Mindy LaCour (Janet called Andre St. Romain to see if he was still interested in a board position as he is much busier with full time work and less available time. He has not returned her call. Paula Lambert has expressed an interest to join the board and Janet will follow up with an invitation to the next board meeting.)
2. **Accept May Minutes:** Michelle made a motion to accept and Greg seconded.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Rose gave the report. Blake moved to accept; Greg seconded.
4. **Building and Event Report:** Mindy reported the following:
 - a. We went after and received a Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Grant (Louisiana Culture Care Fund) for \$7,000. This is to help with general ongoing operational expenses.
 - b. A new AC unit was placed in the Arts Council Annex after futile attempts were made to recharge the old one.
 - c. We have some exterior lights out on the sides of the buildings. Trey Morgan has been called.
 - d. A board on the loading dock by the stage back door was fixed by Philmore Hurst. Entire dock is in poor shape.
 - e. The building is in need of major improvements. Board discussion on costs. Greg suggested that he and Creighton might be able to put some numbers together so we will be ready to apply for a grant when one comes available.
 - f. Steve will prune new Pecan Tree and dust for insects.
5. **Upcoming Activities**
 - a. **Janet** interviewed Kathe Hambrick for the position of guest Curator. We are looking for someone to curate a permanent exhibit on the history of Pointe Coupee. Board discussion was held. Janet will put together a Statement of Work that includes 3 options and ask for 3 prices.
 - b. **Viking Cruises** will be sailing down the Mississippi beginning October 2022. The City of New Roads and Pointe Coupee Parish would like to be considered for a stop along the way. New Roads would be in competition with St. Francisville. Discussion was held on the possibility of having the Le Ker Creole exhibit come to the Poydras Center as a draw. Mindy will contact the exhibit curators to see the possibilities. The Historical society would need monetary support from the city and parish to prepare an exhibit space and any costs to borrow the exhibit.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Possibility of raising rent as new tenants come on.** Discussion held on CAM: Common Area Maintenance and what an assessment would look like
 - b. **PCHS Board meetings will revert back to the 3rd Tuesday of the month**
 - c. **Mindy will purchase more New Roads and Old Rivers Books.**
 - d. **Poydras Fund:** Michelle will do some research on the Poydras Fund and see if she can recover any.
7. Old Business
 - a. Jazz Brunch final numbers were discussed
 - b. Adele Robillard Garden is out of money. Steve will try to fund raise; Mindy will also make some calls.
8. Adjourn 7:25

Respectfully submitted by Mindy LaCour