

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

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

Roll Call – President Jeanne James called the roll. Present were President Jeanne James, Vice President Mr. Greg LaCour, Mrs. Rose O’Rear, Mrs. Carlyn Morales, Mrs. Marsue May, Secretary Mrs. Paula Lambert, Mr. David James, Mr. Peter Alongia, Fr. Pike Thomas, Mrs. Melissa Smith, Mrs. Mindy LaCour, Mrs. Michelle Rabalais and Treasurer Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. Absent: Dr. Hosea Doucet

Accept minutes from the December meeting: Mr. Joseph H. Cotten moved to change the minutes with an amendment to his name, which was listed as Mr. Jody Cotten. Mrs. Carlyn Morales moved to accept the minutes from the January 2024 meeting with the correction. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. gave the Treasurer’s Report. The Building Fund balance is \$29,957.95 as of January 31. The General Fund balance is \$41,839.61 as of January 31. The Savings account balance is \$52,085.97 as of January 31. The CD has a balance of \$103,542.81 as of January 12, 2024. Mr. David James moved to accept the Financial Report, and Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Visitors to the meeting introduced themselves.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour reported the event and explained the ticket sales for the **Street Dance and Jazz Brunch April 27 & 28th.**

- Three vendors will participate in the street dance:
Centre for the Arts will provide jambalaya, Southern Chicks will provide drinks, and there will be a sweets booth by Cautoi Richards.
- Ms. Aimee Moreau will continue advertising.
- A seafood grant for \$1000.00 was granted from Louisiana Seafood and will assist with catering costs.
- McConnell Roofing and LA Real Estate will sponsor the bands and Sullivan Dental will sponsor the bar for the brunch.
- Postcards and fliers have been made and will be distributed.
- A limited Silent Auction will be held with artwork will be solicited from Mrs. Donna Ewing, Mr. Henry Watson, and Mr. Richard Sexton.
- Mr. Brent Labatut has created a sub-committee to display memorabilia for the Street Dance.
- Lighted, ceramic buildings will be sold during the event.
- Sponsorships are still being accepted.
- A plaque listing all donors will be created and displayed to list everyone who supported the 100-year celebration. Donations will be accepted for the plaque through December 2024.
- The exhibit of memorabilia will be displayed until the end of May 2024.

Executive Director’s Report: Mrs. Mindy LaCour gave the Executive Director’s Report. Please see attached.



Executive Director's report

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1. We made **\$200** on the bus trip
2. City of New Roads wrote us a check for **\$2,724.74** for the arrangement I made with them for Market at the Mill. The mayor did not want to renew that deal.
3. Classical Shindig profited **\$4335.00**
4. Taste of Pointe Coupee profited **\$131**
5. We will participate in an activity for Prevent Child Abuse Month by putting pinwheels in our yard. I am attending a meeting to learn more about it next week.
6. We received **\$10,000** from 2024 LEH Mitigation Grant. Will use it for the sprinkler system.
7. George Karam extended his lease to December 2025 and will be sending a check.
8. I changed the officers on the Secretary of the State Website
9. American Queen Voyages cancelled through the end of February
10. Oven has been installed
11. New Roads and Old Rivers Books have been delivered. After paying for the books, we profited **\$1,036.48**
12. We will be an in-kind sponsor for Wine Down and loan our tents. Mindy and Greg will put up and take down.
13. I would like to ask for up to \$1000 per year in registration for conferences that I attend to gain information about putting on events, displaying exhibits, etc..
14. Upcoming Events:
 - o Foto Sisters 7:00 Feb. 24
 - o Car Show March 9

Mrs. Mindy LaCour asked that the board approve \$1000.00 for conference registrations throughout the year. Mr. David James motioned to approve the expense. Mr. Peter Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Bank CD Discussion:

The Board discussed options for CD's that are available. Mr. David James motioned to continue with a CD. Discussion ensued and Father Pike Thomas made a motion that Mr. Joseph H. Cotton, Jr. research the CD options. Ms. Michelle Rabalais seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bylaws Committee Update: Mr. Peter Alongia reported that the by-law committee is still working on the update. Father Pike Thomas volunteered to participate on the fundraising committee. President Jeanne James asked about reconvening the committee meetings.

Mr. Peter Alongia stated that the committee would begin to meet again.

Morganza Car Show: Mr. Peter Alongia reported about the Morganza Car Show that is sponsored by the Pointe Coupee Cruisers and the Village of Morganza. The organization for fallen police officers that the Car Show will donate to called Tunnels to Towers, is a national organization. He asked for a \$100.00 sponsorship from the Historical Society that would include the PCHS name on the t-shirt, all advertising, and bags. Mr. Greg LaCour motioned to make the donation. Mrs. Melissa Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Mrs. Mindy

LaCour offered the use of the PCHS tents and step-and-repeat banner. Mrs. Marsue May suggested placing information about the 100-year celebration in the packets.

Old Business:

New Board Members: Mrs. Jeanne James reported that Mr. Brent Labatut was offered membership to the PCHS board, which he declined. Mrs. James asked members to suggest candidates for board memberships. Ms. Michelle Rabalais suggested inviting Mr. Paul Roy. Mr. David James reported that there are six possible candidates. The Board discussed other potential members. President James asked the board to email Mr. David James any suggestions.

Tree Trimming: Mrs. Mindy LaCour stated that Mr. Pete Morales provided a quote for trimming the trees for a total of \$1200.00. Please see attached. Dr. Hosea Doucet and Mr. Richard Gibbs met with Mr. Morales. Mrs. Rose O'Rear motioned to accept the quote. Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rebirth Grant: Ms. Michelle Rabalais reported on the status of the grant. She will be working to complete it by October 2024.

Adjournment: Ms. Michelle Rabalais moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Greg LaCour seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Submitted by Paula Lambert; Secretary

Next meeting: March 21, 2024