

Pointe Coupee Historical Society
Special Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Jeanne James at 6:00 p.m. President James turned the meeting over to Vice President Greg LaCour. Vice President LaCour called the roll, and twenty members were present. Those in attendance included:

Michelle Rabalais (via phone)
Carlyn Morales (via phone)
Mike Sullivan (via phone)
Melissa and CD Romero (via phone)
David Ray (via phone)
Dot Mounger (via phone)
Faye LaCour (via phone)
Tammy & David Mougeout (via phone)
Jeanne & David James
Greg & Mindy LaCour
Paula Lambert
Joseph H. Cotten, Jr.
Hosea Doucet
Mellissa Smith
Peter Alongia
Rose O'Rear
Dinah Weil
Gale Roy
Theresa Hay
David & Madeleine Briedenbach
Mark Cassidy

A quorum was reached as 16 members of the PCHS membership were present.

2025 Officers: Vice President LaCour presented the slate of officers that was not presented or elected at the Annual Meeting due to the lack of a quorum present. The slate included:

President: Jeanne James
Vice President: Greg LaCour
Secretary: Paula Lambert
Treasurer: Joseph H. Cotten, Jr.

David James motioned to vote in favor the board members presented. Hosea Doucet seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bylaw Update: Vice President LaCour presented the second item of the meeting of the proposed bylaw update. David Breidenbach moved to accept the proposed bylaw update. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn: Theresa Hay motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:07p.m. Rose O'Rear seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PCHS Board Meeting Minutes
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Call to order - Welcome and Mission Statement. President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Jeanne James
Greg LaCour
Joseph H. Cotten, Jr.
Rose O'Rear
Carlyn Morales (via phone)
Paula Lambert
David James
Peter Alongia
Hosea Doucet
Mellissa Smith
Michelle Rabalais (via phone)
Mindy LaCour

Absent:

Fr. Pike Thomas

Accept minutes from December meeting: Joseph H. Cotten Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2024 meeting. Rose O'Rear seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Joseph H. Cotten, Jr; Proposed Budget for 2025 and 4th Quarter Profit and Loss from 2024 Mindy LaCour

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

Balances as of December 31, 2024:

- Building Fund: \$6,119.89
- Business Fund: \$78,432.04
- 7-month CD: \$108,155.77
- S/A: \$52,281.84

Balance as of January 15, 2025:

- Business: \$82,497.92
- Building: \$28,796.84
- 7-month CD: \$108,546.85

Rose O'Rear made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Pete Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mindy LaCour presented the 2024 Profit & Loss Statement and Proposed Budget for 2025.

- Michelle Rabalais suggested adding more income to the proposed budget due to the age of the air-conditioning units and possible elevator repairs. She stated that the building was renovated in 1999, so the A/C units are 30 years old.
- We have not received the report for the fire suppression system.
- Michelle Rabalais suggested including \$1000 to budget for the elevator.
- Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. stated that we cannot use old numbers for the A/C units and that money from the plaque donations are to be used on building expenses and special repairs should come from that money.
- Michelle Rabalais also suggested looking at the percentage increase for insurance to include in the projected budget.
- Mindy LaCour will make the adjustments for review in February 2025.

Executive Director's Report: Mindy LaCour



Executive Director's report

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- Worked on Jazz Brunch Sponsor packet and sent it out. We have 6 sponsors in the amount of \$5,000 so far. 25 Tickets sold. Please help spread the word to sell tickets.
- Worked on Pop up Art Exhibit with Gale Roy. Great success. Attendance was approx. 35 people
- Helped Greg get the donor board finalized and sent to the printer. Down payment made
- Advertisement in Country Roads as part of the New Roads 2 page spread
- Worked on Travel Story GPS with Paula and Carlyn
- Worked on A Taste of Pointe Coupee with Gale and Theresa. We will be the fiscal agent for the event. Need to sell 50 tickets in order for us to proceed.
- Started pulling together items for the agriculture exhibit, if anyone has a connection with farm items, please let me know. Painting is complete in the ballroom. I will be purchasing allowable items under the grant. We will also add new lighting in the room.
- Have not heard about Grants that I have applied for yet through LEH.
- We are the Recipient of a framed original Audubon & \$1000 in memory of Pigeon Thibaut
- **Louisiana Historical Association** annual meeting is in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza March 13-15. \$70 registration fee. Let me know if you are interested and I can get you more information.

Up Coming Events:

January 17: Bereavement reception for Ms. Bobbie Laurant

January 23: Louisiana Mainstreet Meeting

February 8: PAS (Arts Council Concert) and Taste of Pointe Coupee held before the concert. Tickets \$60; joint venture and fundraiser for both orgs. 12 chefs from the area with wine.

New Business:

- \$100 sponsorship for the Car Show; March 8. Mellissa Smith motioned to accept the sponsorship. Pete Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Change Mindy to contract worker instead of paying the fee for the company to process payroll checks and taxes. Hosea Doucet motioned to accept Mindy LaCour's status changing from an employee of PCHS to a contract worker. Mellissa Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Jazz Brunch: We have sold 25 tickets as of 1.16.25. Mindy LaCour is working on more sponsorships.
- Donor Board Update: It is being printed and will be a 20x20 that should be completed in approximately one month.

Motion to adjourn: David James motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pete Alongia seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.