

**PCHS Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025**

The agenda below was followed:

Call to order - Welcome and Mission Statement. President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Secretary Paula Lambert called the roll.

Present:

Jeanne James
Joseph H. Cotten
Rose O'Rear
Paula Lambert
David James
Hosea Doucet
Michelle Rabalais (via phone)
Mindy LaCour
Fr. Pike Thomas
Carlyn Morales (via phone)

Absent:

Mellisa Smith
Greg LaCour
Peter Alongia

Accept minutes from July meeting: Fr. Pike Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 2025 meeting. Mr. Joseph H. Cotten seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Joseph H. Cotten, Jr & CD rollover:

Mindy LaCour July P&L

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

Balances as of July 31, 2025:

- Building Fund: \$40,098.98
- Society Fund: \$60,708.34
- 7-month CD: \$111,222.33 (a 4.05% interest rate)
- Donation CD: \$101,396.71 (a 4.15% interest rate)
- S/A: \$52,456.95

Mrs. Rose O'Rear motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Hosea Doucet seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Mindy LaCour presented the July 2025 Profit & Loss Statement.

Executive Director's Report: Mindy LaCour



Executive Director's report

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- Driveway is finished, thank you David. I put up a sign that says "NO THRU TRAFFIC", No buses will be passing through
- The Harvest Queen Pageant was held here. The City of New Roads will be paying the rental fee
- Fire alarm system was tested and passed by Facility Automation
- Jimmy installed the Mini Split AC unit on the stage, used a certified electrician
- Many visitors to the Agriculture Exhibit this summer
- Still working on GPS Travel Story, look for it in September
- Hosted today's Lunch and Learn here; presentation by OSHA

- List of all Historical Markers in the Parish was requested and received.
- Louisiana Trust for Historical Preservation awarded us with **2025 Organizational Excellence Award**. Will be presented at our annual meeting.
- Sent a basket and punch board gift to support The Chamber Social
- I assisted with set up and take down for the Chamber of Commerce Social last week.
- I participated in the 2nd City of New Roads Steering committee meeting for Thriving Communities Grant
- I will be attending the Louisiana Travel Summit in Lake Charles next week for professional development sessions.

Up Coming Events:

- September 19 art to come down (2nd of 3 Pop up art exhibits)
- October to December, last pop up of the year; Reception 10/3/25 6:00pm

Mr. Joseph H. Cotten suggested placing a security light on the new parking area. Mrs. Mindy LaCour stated she will talk to the City of New Roads.

New Business:

- Mrs. Michelle Rabalais presented a report on Mr. Brian Costello's new book *Reconstruction* about Pointe Coupee Parish and suggested a presentation of it being published with a reception. An award in Mr. Costello's name to be presented at the Annual Meeting was discussed. Father Pike moved to plan this reception and presentation. Mrs. Rose O'Rear seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Mrs. Michelle Rabalais discussed her meeting with General Honore when she asked if he would speak to the PCHS. President James suggested a Sunday afternoon reception honoring him. Mrs. Rabalais would like to honor him in Lakeland where he grew up with a marker with English on one side and Creole on the other. Mrs. Rabalais made a motion that the PCHS move forward with a marker using funds from the next Jazz Brunch, and a reception honoring General Honore in Lakeland. Father Pike seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- A discussion about the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 9 where PCHS will be honored with the 2025 Organizational Excellence Award, and the Ancestral Artistry movie will be shown. Dr. Hosea Doucet suggested that it be a designated award for historic preservation or other historical awards that are significant, rather than just honoring people. Father Pike suggested honoring Mrs. Joanna Wurtele for her service to education in the community. Dr. Doucet motioned that we come up with the award at the next meeting. Father Pike seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Location of the Jazz Brunch: Mrs. Rabalais suggested that we plan something around the 1927 Flood for the 2027 Jazz Brunch. The Board agreed. Mrs. LaCour stated that we have not confirmed the location of the 2026 Jazz Brunch. Suggestions are Hunt Slonem's home, The Gummow Home, The Smith home. To be continued.
- The bricks for the Miss Jane Pitmann Oak sign were donated by LSU thanks to Mr. Greg LaCour and have been delivered to the site.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. David James motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Father Pike Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2025.