

PCHS Board Meeting

January 17, 2023

Our president, Michelle Rabalais, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. She welcomed everyone and read the Mission Statement

1. **Roll Call-** Board members present included Michelle Rabalais, Greg LaCour, Rose O’Rear, Jeanne James, Blake Scheeler, Marsue May, David James, Pat Roeling, Peter Alongia, Debbie Martin, Camille Collins, and Mindy LaCour. We were also joined by new PCHS member Pike Thomas
2. Greg moved that we accept the minutes from our December meeting and was seconded by Rose O’Rear.
3. **Treasurer’s report:** Rose O’Rear presented her report stating that the balance in our PCHS Building fund is \$23,0031.69, while the Society Fund balance is \$17,129.05. Our savings account balance is \$151,932.25. David James moved to accept the treasurer’s report and was seconded by Pat Roeling.
4. Michelle Rabalais suggested that we each take a moment to introduce ourselves to the other board members. We were all delighted with some of the interesting facts we learned about each of our members.
5. **Executive Director’s Report: Mindy**
 - a. Donation letters have been sent to all who donated in 2022
 - b. Pop up Art Exhibit opening was a success. The exhibit comes down April 28 and will be followed by Treasures of Pointe Coupee Art Exhibit.
 - c. Christmas lights on the building were a success. We will ask about pricing for industrial lights to form the Christmas Tree on the lawn and have a tree lighting next year.
 - d. Mindy announced that she wrote for and received the LA Mainstreet grant for \$10,000 + matching funds reimbursable. LEH Recovery grant for \$10,000 already in the bank. \$1500 Louisiana Seafood grant for the Jazz Brunch. Seafood to be delivered to Not Your Mama’s Café. Great work Mindy!
 - e. Repairs were made to the elevator at a cost of \$7200.
 - f. Board members who have not yet done so are encouraged to renew their annual PCHS membership.
 - g. Event income 2022: \$12,050.00
 - h. Memberships 2022 \$16,215.00
 - i. Mindy will negotiate with the PC Chamber of Commerce concerning their lease for 2023.
6. **Event’s Committee Report**
 - a. The Ernest Gaines Stamp Release in Lafayette is 1.23.23. A group of board members will attend.
 - b. Valentine’s Dinner and the play “Love Letters” cosponsored by PCHS & ACPC. on 2.11.23
 - c. A Road trip has been planned for 2.25.23 to visit Kathe Hambrick’s African American River Road Museum followed by lunch and a tour of another historic home. This will be advertised as soon as details are completed.
 - d. 60 Jazz Brunch tickets have been sold for the event at The Historic Valverde Home 3.26.23
 - e. Next meeting for Events Committee; January 30 by zoom
7. **New Business**
 - a. Volunteers are sought to assist in updating the By-Laws. Committee members must be PCHS members.
 - b. It was decided our board meetings will move to 3rd Thursday of the month with committee meetings starting at 5:30 and general board meeting at 6:00. With Mardi Gras in February, the meetings will be on February 23.
 - c. FR Rotary would like to help with a NR reception for the E. Gaines stamp
 - d. Michelle found listings of board members as part of our tax returns
8. **Old Business**
 - a. Survey; deferred to February meeting

- b.** Construction/repairs on the Poydras Center are set to begin. Greg and Creighton have coordinated with Joe Langlois to repair, re-glaze and caulk windows on the front first floor. The back doors will be adjusted so they lock securely. One third floor window and sill will be repaired.
- c.** A donor has come forward expressing interest in replacing the stolen Miss Jane Pittman Oak Marker. Discussion was held on how to prevent a repeat occurrence of the vandalism.
- d.** A structural engineer has determined that it is imperative that we remove the Lew Carter collection from its current location for structural safety reasons. Mindy will continue to source possible buyers for the record collection. David James offered to enlist the opinion of a second structural engineer to evaluate.

9. SWOT-deferred to February

10. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne James, Recording Secretary