

PCHS Board Meeting
October 18, 2022
Minutes

Our president Janet Humphreys called the meeting to order and asked Michelle Rabalais to read from our PCHS Mission Statement.

1. Roll Call: Board members present included Janet Humphreys, Rose O’Rear, Jeanne James, Stephen Bergeron, Carlyn Morales, Michelle Rabalais, Marsue May, David James, Peter Alongia, Paula Lambert, and Mindy LaCour. Jimmy Duckworth participated by phone; Greg LaCour participated via phone until he arrived at the Poydras Center.
2. Carlyn Morales moved that we accept the Minutes from our September board meeting and she was seconded by Greg LaCour.
3. Rose O’Rear delivered the Treasurer’s report which included the following balances: PCHS Building Fund: \$21,413.33, Society Fund: \$32,825.99 and PCHS Savings fund: \$151,856.51. Michelle Rabalais moved that we accept the Treasurers report as read and she was seconded by Marsue May.
4. Executive Directors report: Mindy LaCour
 - We still await a response on the Main Street grant which Mindy applied for.
 - Nine artists have been selected for our Pop-up Art Show collaboration with the PC Arts Council. The first show will be held in January 6, 2023 starting with an opening night reception.
 - Jazz Brunch 2023 Update: Sponsorship packages have been sent to the Board Members. Solicitation for sponsorship is most appreciated. Jazz Brunch poster and cups are in. Cups were obtained at an excellent price. Rose found our first sponsor so far for \$1000.
 - PCHS Annual Meeting Update: November 17, 2022 6:00 pm: Flyer has been distributed via Facebook and PCHS website and emailed to our PCHS master list. PC Dept of Tourism will advertise also. Donations of food and wine will be coordinated at our November meeting.
 - A “Sugar to Rum” exhibit is set up in the Tourism Room. We are hoping to get a TV to display information about sugar cane, harvesting and rum production.
 - Boo and Brew” will be held on Sunday, October 30 in downtown New Roads. PCHS will have a table staffed by Mindy, Marsue and Carlyn.
 - Market at the Mill: PCHS will have a table selling books and memberships. Volunteers are needed to staff the table on Saturday, November 19. Peter and Carlyn volunteered so far.
 - PCHS has made annual donation to the PC Early Childhood Coalition.
 - Our PCHS membership dues for 2022 amount to \$16,140.00
 - Mindy, Carlyn, Paula and Janet had lunch with Camille Collins, the new General Manager of Maison Chenal.
5. Upcoming events:
 - Family Reunion rental of room- 10/29/2
 - Boo and Brew- 10/30/22 3:00-7:00
 - Annual Meeting- 11/17/22 6:00
6. New Business
 - Marsue May is compiling a survey to be distributed to PCHS members and others to determine areas of interest as we move forward with planning how best to engage and serve our community. Michelle, Paula, and Janet will help her. A drawing will be held for participants. Prize will be a membership and Ernest Gaines books.
 - A discussion was held about the older blinds in the Museum rooms and Ballroom being in a state of disrepair. Steve Bergeron moved that we replace affected blinds and was seconded by David James.

- The board voted to continue to participate in 225 Gives despite the date being changed from November to May 4, 2023. We will evaluate whether the \$50 registration fee is warranted for the amount that we collect next year.

7. Old Business:

- A nominating committee will be formed to provide a slate of officers including Members-at-large, which will be read at the November annual meeting.
- Discussion was had about updating the bylaws. Current bylaws state at-large positions are three years. Nominating committee sets slate of Members at-large and officers.

8. Adjournment:

- David James moved that our meeting be adjourned and Steve Bergeron seconded his motion.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne James, Recording Secretary