

PCHS Board Meeting

April 15, 2021

PCHS president Janet Humphreys called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM and read the Mission Statement

Members present included: Janet Humphreys, Greg LaCour, Aimee Moreau, Rose O'Rear, Jeanne James, Steve Bergeron, Carlyn Morales, Jimmy Duckworth, Michelle Rabalais, Creighton Stout and Mindy LaCour.

Approval of minutes from last meeting was postponed until next month to allow members more time to review them.

Treasurer's report was delivered by Rose O'Rear.

Mindy LaCour shared the **Building and Event report:**

- Yearly royalty payment of \$145 from the sales of New Roads and Old Rivers was received from Randy Harelson.
- The American Queen canceled its first three landings because of Covid but plans are still in place for the June 16 landing.
- On Friday, April 23 the Arts Council is sponsoring a concert by Dr. Kevin and the Saint Michael jazz band.
- The Centre for the Arts will hold performances on Friday April 30 and Saturday May 1.

New Business:

- The driveway adjacent to the Poydras Museum is in dire need of repair. One estimate received to accomplish the repair was \$80,000. It was decided that we should approach the city and the school board and the office of tourism to collaborate as to the funding. Mindy and Janet will initiate the communication
- The museum sign is still in a state of disrepair. Due to the estimated \$23,000 cost of replacing it we are exploring creative financing options. One suggestion was leasing space to food trucks on Mondays when most local restaurants are closed.
- Carlyn Morales proposed a Pointe Coupee agricultural experience/exhibit/fair to be held the weekend of September 17-19. This would be an educational opportunity to showcase the many Ag-related enterprises in our parish. Carlyn is working with Virginia Monceret to coordinate a Harvest Fest Queen pageant/contest which would be held September 18. It was noted that these pageant queens are highly educated as to the crops/harvest that they represent... Interestingly the 2019 New Roads Harvest Fest queen went on to be named queen of all festival queens of the state of Louisiana.
- Janet opened the discussion as to whether the PCHS should join the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation. Jimmy Duckworth offered to reach out and see if they might grant us a complementary membership.
- The PCHS was approached by Arcadia Publishing to determine if we would be interesting in supporting a pictorial history book about Pointe Coupee. It was suggested that she be referred to Brian Costello and Stafford Chenevert. More discussion to follow.
- A representative from the National Park service has expressed interest in documenting old structures such as slave cabins and tenant farmer houses within the parish. It was decided that the proper vehicle for him to get his message out would probably be the Pointe Coupee Banner.

Old Business:

- Janet gave update that preparations are going well for the PCHS Jazz Brunch to be held May 23. 80 out of the 150 tickets which are available have already been sold.
- Plans to address expansion of Main Street boundaries to include The Poydras Center will be discussed at the New Roads City Council meeting on April 20.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Creighton Stout and seconded by Steve Bergeron.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne James