

Pointe Coupee Historical Society Board Meeting
December 21, 2023
Minutes

Our President, Michelle Rabalais called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and read from our PCHS mission statement.

Board members present included Michelle Rabalais, Greg LaCour, Jeanne James, Carlyn Morales, David James, Peter Alongia, Hosea Doucet, and Mindy LaCour. Marsue May, Paula Lambert, and Janet Humphreys participated via telephone.

1. Carlyn Morales moved that we accept the minutes from our November board meeting and she was seconded by Greg LaCour.
2. In the absence of our Treasurer Rose O'Rear, Mindy LaCour delivered her Treasurers Report. The balance in the PCHS Building Fund as of December 18, 2023 was \$22,371.05. The PCHS Society Fund balance was \$24,172.96. The PCHS Savings Account had a balance of \$52,068.28, while the PCHS Certificate of Deposit balance was \$103,177.64. David James moved that we approve the Treasurers Report as presented and Carlyn Morales seconded his motion.
3. Executive Directors Report: Mindy LaCour



Executive Director's report

12/21/23

- Lights are up on the building
- Chamber rent will be increased to \$5,000 a year for 2024 lease (up from \$3,000)
- We are at \$11,500 in memberships for 2024
- Had to upgrade our alarm system; will now be able to turn alarm on and off from my phone.
- Wrote thank you notes for all memberships
- Total amount of revenue from rentals in **2023 = \$13,328** 2022 = \$12,500
- The Visitor's Center closed and the items have been moved to the ballroom on the 3rd floor to be a part of our exhibit. In exchange for the space, the city will be providing maintenance of your yard. We were paying Reliance One Scape to do this. We are also receiving \$1000 in payment from Tourism as a sponsor of the exhibit. This will begin in January.
- The 1st 10 name plates are ready to put on the backs of the auditorium chairs and will order more when we reach another 10
- Update on Insurance
- Update on Sprinkler System
- Update on Elevator
- Update on Classical Shindig; fundraiser for PCHS
- Events:
 - ECC meeting 11/30
 - Light up the Holidays 12/3
 - Christmas Private Event 12/8

- Upcoming Events:
 - American Queen 12/20 and 12/26
 - Field Trip to Control Structure 12/27
 - Poydras Pop Up Art reception 1/5/24 6:00 need appetizers or desserts
 - Classical Shindig 1/14/24

- 4. Events Committee Report: Marsue May reported that our December 27th bus trip to the Old River Control Structure will be well attended and would be a profitable event for the PCHS. She and her committee continue to explore additional ideas for events that we could sponsor.
- 5. New Business: Mindy LaCour shared that she is awaiting the final percentage of funds she will receive from her leadership role at the Market at the Mill, which she has generously offered to donate to the PCHS. She discussed our budget and the potential income from future activities such as the Poydras 100th anniversary weekend. Greg LaCour moved that proceeds be allocated to the PCHS Society Fund . Pete Alongia seconded his motion.
- 6. Old Business: Mindy shared that our order for more copies of Randy Harelson’s book “New Roads and Old Rivers” had shipped in early December. Pete Alongia moved that we place one of the books at the LA State Archives and Greg seconded his motion.
- 7. Adjournment: After Mindy announced that our next meeting will be January 18, 2024, David James moved that the meeting be adjourned and his motion was seconded by Pete Alongia.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne James- Recording Secretary