

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and referred the board members to the Mission Statement

Roll Call – In the secretary's absence, President Jeanne James called the roll. Present: President, Mrs. Jeanne James, Vice President, Mr. Greg LaCour, Treasurer, Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Mr. David James, Mrs. Rose O'Rear, Mrs. Michelle Rabalais, Fr. Pike Thomas, Mrs. Melissa Smith, and Executive Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour

Introduction of guest; Gabrielle Hutchinson

Accept minutes from the June meeting: Rose O'Rear made a motion to accept the minutes, David James seconded and the Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Joseph H. Cotten Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance for building fund is \$41,429.84, the balance for the general fund is \$53,901.40, the balance for the savings account is \$52,228.57 and the CD is worth \$105,952.99. Greg LaCour made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Rose O'Rear seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Executive Director, Mindy LaCour, worked on a developing a budget, using what Michelle Rabalais had started in 2023. She gave a quarterly report and a monthly P&L statement reporting where the PCHS stands in relation to the budget. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget by Fr. Pike and Joseph H. Cotten seconded the motion. Motion Passed. She will continue to present this at board meetings.

Mindy LaCour gave her Executive Director's report:



Executive Director's report

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1. Touched up paint in the Museum Room from Treasures
2. Curated and helped hang the new Pop-Up Art Show in the Museum Rooms
3. Planned and carried out the first night reception last Friday for our artists and guests
4. Johnny Ewing donated boxes of Brian Costello books to the Historical Society. (were at Satterfield's)
5. Aimee updated the website and it looks great!
6. Attended a free media workshop in BR put on by LOT. Focus was making flyers and advertising for events.
7. Collaborated with Office of Tourism and Mainstreet to put together a grant for a GPS Travel Story to highlight historic places on Mainstreet. Fr. Pike came to our first zoom meeting with the company. Tourism will take the financial lead in this endeavor if it exceeds grant costs. If it works out, we will expand to other parts of the Parish. Board approval needed to apply for the grant. Michelle Rabalais made a motion to apply for the grant and David James seconded it. Motion Passed.

8. Notified we are recipients of \$10,000 grant from Louisiana Mainstreet to work on front of building 2nd and 3rd floor windows. Reglaze, paint and seal as was done for 1st floor windows last year. David James will help to get some more bids for the work.
9. Worked on developing a budget for PCHS (work in progress)
10. Participated in the ribbon cutting on Mainstreet for the Pointe Coupee Proud mural painted on the side of Ma Mama's that highlights our parish.
11. Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting
12. Sent new lease to Tourism for 2 more years, same rate
13. Mindy spoke with Charles Smith, insurance provider. He is going to see if he can come up with a bundled price for workman's comp and the building insurance for a lower price next year.
14. Mindy out of town next week on vacation

Up Coming Events:

July 23: St. Augustine Field trip (30 students) to visit the museum

July 30: Co-Hosting a Lunch and Learn with the Chamber. Maj. Gen. Stephen Dabadie, Retired. In charge of operations/OHSEP for the Parish, will speak on Emergency preparedness. Tickets are \$25 for Chamber members. (lunch included)

August 1: Coffee and Conversation in the Chamber Room

August 3: One year old birthday party in the Museum Room

August 11: Harvest Festival Queens Pageant to be held in the auditorium.

New Business:

- Possibly change the date of the August meeting. It is the same night as the Chamber of Commerce Social at Circa; \$50/ticket; Michelle Rabalais made a motion to move it to August 13, Joseph H. Cotten seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business:

- **Rebirth Grant:** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais reported that there were 4 attendees that participated. 3 men and 1 woman. The transcription of the event is ready and they are still working on the editing of the video. Her plan is to make a photo book as a thankyou to the participants. October 31, 2024 is her deadline to report to the state with grant paperwork.
- **Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement:** Contributions in the amount of \$6,000 have been secured for the replacement of a new plaque. Michelle Rabalais made a motion that we move forward with ordering the plaque by August 15. Fr. Pike seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- **Still need a place to hold the 2025 Jazz Brunch** A few other names of historic homes were thrown out.

Adjournment: 7:20

Next meeting: August 13, 2024