

PCHS Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2025

The agenda below was followed:

Call to order - Welcome and Mission Statement. Vice President Greg LaCour called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and read the Mission Statement.

Roll Call: Mindy LaCour called the roll.

Present:

Melissa Smith
Greg LaCour
Rose O'Rear
Fr. Pike Thomas
Carlyn Morales
Hosea Doucet
Michelle Rabalais
Joseph H Cotten Sr.
Mindy LaCour

Absent:

Jeanne James
David James
Paula Lambert
Peter Alongia

Accept minutes from May meeting: Mrs. Carlyn Morales made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 2025 meeting. Fr. Pike Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Joseph H. Cotten,

Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. reported the following information on the PCHS accounts:

Balances as of June 30, 2025:

- Building Fund: \$41,303.18
- Society Fund: \$67,522.34
- New CD \$101,039.97
- 7-month CD: \$110,074.08
- S/A: \$52,840.43

Ms. Michelle Rabalais made a motion to accept the treasures report, Ms. Rose O'Rear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mindy LaCour June P&L

Mrs. Mindy LaCour presented the June 2025 Profit & Loss Statement which showed a net operating balance of -\$13,756. This loss is due to the purchase of a new HVAC system for room 222 and the work done on the Jane Pittman Oak and the Oak tree on our driveway.

Executive Director's Report: Mindy LaCour



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- Agriculture Exhibit: It is completed now including the rack cards. Greg is working on a plaque to put on Moby as the final item. Rack cards were shared with the board.
- GPS Travel Story, had a final meeting with the owner and we will be moving forward.
- Poydras Pop up Art Exhibit went well. Approx. 100 people attended and many pieces of art sold.
- The 2 Oak trees have been treated and the mulch spread underneath them.
- David had the driveway pot holes filled.
- We hosted Acadiana Planning Commission and Thriving Communities 1st Planning meeting for the city.

- Notice the Lucite plaque that is hung on the wall in the foyer from the 100-year celebration.
- Jimmy worked on the auditorium units again.

Up Coming Events:

- July 24 and 25: Louisiana Mainstreet conference in New Roads
- July 25: Centre for the Arts Summer show in our auditorium
- July 26-August 2: Mindy and Greg on Vacation

New Business:

- Discussion was held on the proposal brought forth to start some renovation of our driveway. David James had a few sub-contractors come out to give us a price on pouring a curb and installing drainage on the left side of the driveway, closest to the building. This side is a lake whenever it rains.
A motion was made by Ms. Melissa Smith to take up to \$30,000 out of our savings account to pay for this. Mr. Hosea Doucet seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made by Mr. Joseph H Cotten Sr. to replenish the savings account from the CD when it comes due. Ms. Michelle Rabalais seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- Historical reporting on the identification of the Gougis Family was given by Ms. Michelle Rabalais. She gave a background on the family and the Y DNA test that is required to find out more information on the Free Woman of Color whom we are commemorating with a plaque. Mr. Joseph H Cotten, Sr. made a motion to spend up to \$600 for the Y DNA testing on the Gougis Family. Michelle Rabalais seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Further discussion was held on the unveiling of the plaque and who should be in attendance at the reception held here at the Poydras Center.
- The problem with the auditorium air conditioning was addressed. Mindy spoke with Jimmy Glaze and a solution was presented. A mini-split AC/Heating unit can be mounted on the wall behind the stage. This will add 3 tons of air to the auditorium and keep the performers cool. Ms. Michelle Rabalais made a motion to spend up to \$3500 for the equipment and installation of the unit. Ms. Carlyn Morales seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held on finding a location for the 2026 Jazz Brunch Fundraiser. It was decided that we should ask about the following houses: Lakeside, LaCour House, and Sara & Kevin Gummow's home. Other houses mentioned for the future include; Bella Vista owned by The Claiborne family, Taylor Plantation, Glynnwood Plantation
- Rose O'Rear brought up the suggestion that we have a celebration to honor Brian Costello and all he has done for our parish. This discussion led to developing a yearly award and calling it The Brian Costello PCHS Historical Contribution of the Year Award. We can make a plaque and have the person who is chosen, speak and give them an honorarium. More to come on this.

Old Business:

Motion to adjourn Ms. Michelle Rabalais mad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Fr. Pike Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: 8/21/25