

BOARD MEETING 3/21/17

5:30 PM / POYDRAS MUSEUM

ATTENDEES

Teresa Houston, Bourg Langlois, Noelie Ewing, Christine St. Romain, Steve Bergeron, Leslie Grezaffi, Leslie Brewer (by conference call), Jimmy Duckworth (by conference call)

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Accept minutes from February 21 st meeting. Christine motioned. Noelie seconded.

Treasurer's Report

2. Christine went through the balance on Building Fund & Savings Account. She thanked Renee' for helping increase rentals and mentioned the donation for the 1 st tree sale on behalf of Ms. Pat Laurent.
3. Treasurer's report accepted. Teresa motioned. Noelie seconded.

Administrator News

4. Renee' handed out a sheet showing **bookings** which happened since last board meeting and bookings to come.

Recent Activities

5. **Tree concerns** - Several people raised concerns about the location of trees near buildings, under other trees, near sidewalks, and the numbers trees. Jimmy brought up the fact that Suzanne Turner is well respected and offered to call Nick Musso to meet with Steven. Bourg asked Jimmy to please talk to Randy and Richard also, because this was originally their project. Jimmy and Steven agreed to discuss more.

6. Teresa welcomed **new board member** Leslie Grezaffi (Les Ann). Greeted by all. She shared about herself.
7. **Grant writing** – Teresa has been speaking with a contact for grants and exploring different options who is currently working with her for free. She is looking into a possible grant that we may qualify for which falls under National Park Services. She asked the board if anyone knew Lance Hatton or Laura Gates. No one knew them. She asked about Atchafalaya Heritage and named Debra Credeur and Ashley Herrick.. No one knew these people either. Leslie Brewer asked Teresa to email her the names. She was going to see if any of her connections knew them.
8. Noelie talked about **Bartram Trail** on 3/26/17 starting at Randy's open house. Then having St. Francis church open. Sunday from 11am – 3pm. Renee' will send out an email to members.
9. **PCHS booth** at Market at Mill needs non-board member volunteers. Bourg suggested emailing members and asking. Renee' will send out email.
10. Leslie Brewer suggested having schools decorate trees; possibly raffling decorated trees as a **fund raiser**.
11. Teresa and Steven brought up question of where will **bonfire** be with all the new trees at the same time.
12. Steven will be looking into getting **Zachary Richard** here, possibly.
13. Les Ann will be looking into getting **Buddy Guy** here, possibly.

Upcoming Activities

14. **New Roads Old River Book's** 5th year anniversary is this year. At November's Market at the Mill the Board would like to sell pictures. Renee' is to look in collection's room and see what pictures we have and report that back.
15. **Pelican Music Chamber Concert scheduled for March 19** will be in honor of **Mrs. Patricia Laurent**. Noelie and Renee Major are working on this together and invitations are being sent out.

New Business

16. Volunteers will be needed for the **Bartram Trail Conference** on March 26th. Aimee agreed to get in touch with Randy regarding when and where they will be needed, as well as what duties will need to be done.

17. **New Roads and Old Rivers 5 Year Anniversary** is approaching. Aimee spoke with Randy regarding a 5-year celebration at Market at the Mill on November 17-19. PCHS has a percentage of profit from original prints from Richard Sexton that can be sold at the celebration, in addition to the books. The board agreed to pursue this project.

18. **NRG Giving Day:** Teresa has gotten Poydras on a Charter in May. We will be able to take the wall down in the very damaged room on 2 nd floor to the exposed brick. Bourg has been speaking to Andy Plauche. Steven Bergeron said put him down for a dump trailer to haul off the debris. NRG will give us \$1000. If we can get six employees to come back and work on a designated day off, we can get \$2000.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Christine motioned. Teresa seconded.