

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

August 13, 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 – Paula Lambert called roll. Present: President, Mrs. Jeanne James, Vice President, Mr. Greg LaCour, Treasurer, Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Secretary, Mrs. Paula Lambert, Mrs. Carlyn Morales, Mr. David James, Mrs. Michelle Rabalais, Fr. Pike Thomas, Mrs. Melissa Smith, and Executive Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour

Accept minutes from the July meeting: Greg LaCour made a motion to accept the minutes, Carlyn Morales seconded and the Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report: Joseph H. Cotten Jr. gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance for building fund is \$40,437.27, the balance for the general fund is \$59,148.38, the balance for the savings account is \$52,238.01 and the CD is worth \$106,365.85. Michelle Rabalais made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Fr. Pike Thomas seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Executive Director, Mindy LaCour presented the monthly P&L statement.

Mindy LaCour gave her Executive Director's report:



Executive Director's report

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1. We received a \$2,000 grant from Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, towards the GPS Travel Story. Tourism and Mainstreet will contribute \$2k each so we are at \$6K. I have emailed to see if a reduced scope of work is possible for this project.
2. Tourism signed an additional 2-year lease
3. New AC unit was installed in the back Museum Room
4. Auditorium units were fixed (freon added to one and new capacitor in another). Jimmy Glaze will investigate to see if he can repair the freon leak.
5. Helped as auditor for the Harvest Festival Pageant that was here on Sunday afternoon
6. Held Coffee and Conversation in the upstairs exhibit room. Many of our Mainstreet businesses had not visited our 3rd floor.
7. I am closing out the ANHA grant for the Poydras Pop Up Art Exhibit for 2024. We were able to purchase 2 insulated ice buckets with money received from this grant along with materials needed to support the exhibits. Applications are going out soon for the 2025 Poydras Pop Up Art Exhibits. This event is a collaboration between PCHS and the Arts Council.
8. I am meeting with the Historic District Commission tomorrow evening to obtain our Certificate of Appropriateness to do the work on the 2nd and 3rd floor windows to complete the project we started with the last LA Mainstreet grant we were awarded. David and Greg have put together an RFQ and it was sent out to 2 contractors.

9. Boo and Brew; October 27 we will be participating again with a table and candy. The idea of a color sheet of the Poydras Center and crayons were suggested.
10. Facility Automation sent a bid to replace our phone line with a cellular phone line for the fire alarm, it was presented to the board and it will be more expensive than what we have so we will not pursue this.
11. We need 2 more chair plaque orders before another batch can be made.

Up Coming Events:

August 15: Chamber of Commerce Social; \$50 per ticket; at Circa 6-9

August 22: Lunch and Learn at Poydras. Speaker is Early Childhood Coalition; lunch by Karen Leonard's Red Apron

New Business:

- *Annual Meeting:* Discussion was held on speakers and a date. Several names were mentioned. We will have this decided by next month. Greg LaCour will work on the names mentioned in the discussion. We will try to coordinate the dedication of the Exhibit on the 3rd floor with the Annual Meeting. (to Randy Harelson)
- *Pointe Coupee Early Childhood Coalition School Readiness Tax Credit.* This was presented to the board. Michelle Rabalais made a motion that we participate again. Greg LaCour seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

- ***Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement:*** The new sign has been ordered. There might be a few more people interested in contributing to monitoring and keeping the sign safe.
- ***2025 Jazz Brunch*** A few other names of historic homes were thrown into the discussion. Board members will continue to work on securing a location.
- ***Rebirth Grant:*** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais reported on the progress of the final grant paperwork. She has a copy of pictures that were taken at the event and they were passed around. The transcription is finished and the edit of the video has been completed. Michelle has secured a program evaluator; "Yaya" Yale Gordon
The paperwork for the grant is due October 31.

Adjournment: 6:58

Next meeting: September 19, 2024