

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and referred the board members to the Mission Statement

Roll Call – In Paula Lambert’s absence Mindy LaCour called roll. Present: President, Mrs. Jeanne James, Vice President, Mr. Greg LaCour, Treasurer, Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Mrs. Carlyn Morales, Mr. David James, Mrs. Michelle Rabalais, Mr. Hosea Doucet, Mrs. Rose O’Rear, and Executive Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour

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

Treasurers Report: Joseph H. Cotten Jr. gave the Treasurer’s Report. The balance as of 9/18/24 for building fund is \$35,222.08, the balance for the general fund is \$ 59,383.57, the balance for the savings account is \$52,246.60 and the CD is worth \$106,869.34 David James made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and Rose O’Rear 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. Mainstreet, Tourism, and PCHS will start to work on the GPS Travel Story with 5 stops. This is a reduced scope to reflect money raised for the program. 5 stops instead of 10 to begin for \$6,000.
2. Contractor selected and contract was sent out for signature. Painter to begin work on the windows by October 15. (Mainstreet Grant)
3. LTA Travel Summit; Set up a booth that advertised all events in PC., attended sessions on Time Management, Navigating LA Politics; advocacy 101, presentation on “Why Louisiana Ain’t Mississippi “(Jay Dardenne), Presentation by “Explore Louisiana”.
4. Attended Historic Commission Meeting to get Certificate of Appropriateness for windows.
5. Women’s Committee for Farm Bureau exhibit. Will ask the farmers to sponsor. Women’s committee does not want to pay the rent.
6. Catholic of PC students came to visit the museum pre-k to 2nd today, 3rd to 5th tomorrow.
7. Pointe Coupee Young Leaders to come to visit the museum and exhibits
8. Next Pop-Up Art Exhibit to start Thursday October 3; 3 artists need volunteers to supply appetizers
9. T-Mobile Hometown Grant \$50,000 towards driveway...longshot but will apply.
10. Update on grant status for all outstanding grants was given

Up Coming Events:

October 3: Reception and opening for last Pop Up of 2024 6:00; need donations of appetizers

October 4; Shexnailder Wedding on the front lawn

October 10; Delta Land Services to take their company photo on our lawn

New Business:

- Mindy presented the contract for Glimpses of Light. This company puts the lights on the building. Michelle Rabalais made a motion to accept the contract and Mr. Jodie H. Cotten Jr. seconded the motion, Motion passed.
- Discussion was held on having a separate plaque upstairs to be mounted in the exhibit upstairs to show donations made to the Jane Pittman Oak Tree plaque and perpetual care of the plaque. It was also suggested that a granite marker be put by the tree. This can be made on Etsy.

Old Business:

- **Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement:** The new sign has been ordered. Waiting on its arrival.
- **2025 Jazz Brunch:** More names were suggested to try, none have agreed yet.
- **Annual Meeting:** Date is November 19. Speaker is Guy Carwile. The topic is “Raised Creole Homes of Pointe Coupee.” We will have wine and lite food for the event. This will also be the dedication of the 3rd floor exhibit to Randy Harelson. Mindy will send information out in a mailer along with membership information and reminder of the 100-year plaque donation and chair back donations.
- **Rebirth Grant:** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais reported on the progress of the final grant paperwork. She showed a copy of the book she has written and produced to go along with the project. Each member of the board will receive a book along with others that helped with the grant and a few other places.

Adjournment: 7:30

Next meeting: October 17, 2024