

## Pointe Coupee Historical Society

### Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024

#### Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

President Jeanne James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** – Paula Lambert 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, Mrs. Rose O’Rear, Fr. Pike Thomas, Peter Alongia, Melissa Smith, and Executive Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour

**Accept minutes from the July meeting:** David James 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 10/17/24 for building fund is \$38,316.43, the balance for the general fund is \$56,281.53 the balance for the savings account is \$52,255.48 and the CD is worth \$107,315.58. The CD is coming due November 15, 2024. Mr. Jodie Cotten will have it roll over into the highest interest earning CD. This will most likely be a 6-month CD. Greg LaCour 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 and the quarterly statement. Michelle suggested that a line be added to the P & L Statement; NOE (Net Operating Expense). Mindy will add this in the future.

Mindy LaCour gave her Executive Director’s report:



Executive Director’s report

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1. Submitted the T-Mobile Hometown Grant to fix the driveway. Will find out in November
2. Farm Bureau will come and retrieve their exhibit in the beginning of November. Carlyn, Paula and I will be writing a LA Travel Association grant to fund a new farm exhibit upstairs.
3. Wedding on the lawn went well. I will revise the contract to include a larger cleanup deposit.
4. Art opening was a success. 3 artists. Have sent out a “call to artists for 2025” Good response.
5. Greg designed the mail out flyers and I copied, collated, and mailed out almost 200 envelopes with membership renewal, annual social ad, and call for more donations for the permanent plaque. An email will also go out in the next few days. Mindy will also advertise in the Banner. Will have food and door prizes.
6. Another field trip scheduled for Nov. to see the exhibits and Tourism “Gumbo” Group coming.
7. North Bend will be the venue for the 2025 Jazz Brunch on March 23. (More in Old Business)
8. Painting started this week on the outside of the building. 1<sup>st</sup> floor doors, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows. If money left over will paint the downstairs restrooms.
9. Country Roads marketing. 1/8 of a page for \$495 4X a year. If we get the LTA Grant, it will be covered. Michelle made a motion to advertise in Country Roads at least 2 X in 2025, Jodie seconded the motion. Passes unanimously.

**Up Coming Events:**

**October 26:** Clean the graves at Cherie Quarters starting at 8:00am

**October 27:** Boo and Brew; anyone wanting to help man the booth? 3:00-6:00

**November 1-3:** Harvest Festival in New Roads, **November 2 on the lawn and in the building.**

**November 19: Annual Social & Dedication of Exhibit.** Guy Carwile speaker, lite bites and wine. Will host in the Museum Rooms. Order of business: 1. Dedication, 2. Business Mtg, 3. Guy Carwile Presentation

**November 22-24 Market at the Mill.** Will try to sell NROR books and will have poster for Brunch displayed.

**New Business: None at this time**

**Old Business:**

- **Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement:** Greg reported it will come in February
- **2025 Jazz Brunch: Still** need a caterer. \$500 seafood grant, \$1000 Box K Sponsorship
- **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. Door prizes will be given (NROR Books) This will also be the dedication of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Mike Pickett, venue family, will join the committee.
- **Rebirth Grant:** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais reported that all paperwork is ready to submit. She passed around the book that was made from the experience. She filled the board in on the timeline of the work and the impact it made on those that participated.

**Adjournment: Fr. Pike made a motion to adjourn and David James seconded. 7:30 adjourned**

**Next meeting: November 19, 2024**