

Pointe Coupee Historical Society

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

Call to order – Welcome and Mission Statement

Vice President Greg LaCour called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and lead the board in reading the Mission Statement

Roll Call – In the secretary's absence, Mindy LaCour called the roll. Present were Vice President, Mr. Greg LaCour, Dr. Hosea Doucet, Mrs. Rose O'Rear, Mrs. Marsue May, Mrs. Mindy LaCour, Executive Director, Fr. Pike Thomas, Mr. Peter Alongia Mrs. Michelle Rabalais and Treasurer Mr. Joseph H. Cotten, Jr. Absent: President, Mrs. Jeanne James, Mr. David James, Mrs. Paula Lambert, Mrs. Carlyn Morales, and Mrs. Melissa Smith. Fr. Pike introduced his visitor Martha Fitzgerald from Shreveport.

Accept minutes from the March meeting: Rose O'Rear moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting and Pete Alongia seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Mindy LaCour gave the Treasurer's Report as Joseph Cotton was running late. The balance for building fund is \$43,889.25, the balance for the general fund is \$64,808.08, the balance for the savings account is \$52,202.54, and the CD is worth \$104,622.23. Joseph Cotten reported that he did roll the CD into a new 7-month CD at 5.07% APY 5.2% rate. Fr. Pike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Hosea Doucet seconded the motion. Motion Passed

Mindy LaCour reported on the upcoming events: Street Dance and Jazz Brunch and gave her director's report.



Executive Director's report

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1. Delta Pest Control came back and tried again to kill the wasps on the 3rd floor. Mildly successful
2. New AC unit was purchased and installed in Kylene's Pilates room
3. Waiting on the rest of the fire suppression parts to come in before they do annual inspection.
4. Fire Tech inspected the fire extinguishers
5. Spring Market at the Mill is in the books, thank you to board members that came out and volunteered!
6. I helped put on Wine Down on False River, huge success
7. CASA and ECC sponsored press conference for: Prevent childhood abuse month on the lawn. We hosted. Pinwheels will stay up until the 100-yr celebration.
8. Work on 100-yr Celebration
 - a. Exhibit is finished; thank you to Gale, Blanche, Madelaine, and Brent (committee)
 - b. At this time with another week to go, 52 street dance tickets 129 Jazz Brunch tickets sold
 - c. Have taken in \$43,000 so far including sponsors and ticket sales
 - d. Will be using City barricades around the front yard with one opening for the events.
 - e. City will provide electricity to the front yard for the band and food vendors. Will hang banner tomorrow.
 - f. Liquor and set ups are purchased.
 - g. Will pay for help on Saturday to move barricades, clean up yard, hang signs & other manual labor
 - h. Still have tickets to sell

- i. Added a Richard Sexton photograph to the silent auction; Oaks at Maison Chenal
 - j. Greg and I will need help setting up on Saturday starting at noon and 8:00am on Sunday to set up.
9. Attended WAFB Grand Slam marketing seminar in BR. Great ideas for marketing
 10. Attended a meeting with the Governor's office hosted by Major Thibault to talk about grant opportunities.

Up Coming Events:

April 27: Street dance 6-10pm

April 28: Jazz Brunch 12-3

May 3-4; Centre for the Arts performance

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New Business:

Fr. Pike Thomas mentioned that he would be interested in giving tours.

Old Business:

Rebirth Grant: Ms. Michelle Rabalais, project director, reported on the status of the grant. She will be working to complete it by June 1. She reported that St. Augustine Church will donate the space in their hall. She will email the flyer once it is completed. The program will be by invitation only. Mrs. Rabalais has been doing research on the people of Cherie Quarters. She is looking for a videographer. At this point, her plans have been shared with Chris, the LEH director, and Cheylon who is helping her.

Update on Jane Pittman Oak Sign Replacement

Mr. Greg LaCour has a call into Catrese Albert, Mrs. Paula Lambert's friend, and they have not connected yet. BRAF is also interested in providing funding. Greg sent an email outlining the process and procedure to those involved. He has also been in touch with the land owner, Mr. Mounger, who is in favor of replacing the sign as well.

Update on Board Committee Chairs

AS the president was unavailable for this meeting, this topic will be postponed at this time. Several people are interested in being on Committees. Mindy LaCour will pass these names onto Jeanne James so she will have them when she chooses the Committee Chairs.

Adjournment: Mrs. Michelle Rabalais moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Marsue May seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45

Next meeting: May 16, 2024