

Pointe Coupee Historical Society
2024 Annual Meeting
November 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Permanent Exhibit Dedication: The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society began with a dedication of the permanent exhibit, *"People, Porches, and Places,"* in memory of Mr. Randy Harelson who dedicated much of his time and his many talents to the Historical Society, the Poydras School building, and its grounds. Mr. Greg LaCour gave the presentation to honor Mr. Harelson.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Mrs. Jeanne James at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Introduction of Board Members:** Mrs. James introduced the board of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society to those present.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. James introduced Mr. Joseph Cotten, Jr. to give the Treasurer's report. Please see below. Mrs. Michelle Rab motioned to accept the Treasurer's report. Father Pike Thomas seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

POINTE COUPEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

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November 1, 2023 October 31, 2024

There are 4 financial accounts associated with the Pointe Coupee Historical Society.

1. Building Fund (Operating)
2. Society Fund (Membership, donations, fundraising events, ED Salary)
3. Savings Fund
4. Certificate of Deposit

BUILDING FUND

- Revenues come from Long Term Leases, Venue Rentals, Grants and Donations.
- We currently have 9 businesses with Long Term Leases in the Julian Poydras Center: Arts Council of Pointe Coupee, PC Department of Tourism, DOTD, Stout Architecture, Chamber of Commerce, George Karam, P.C. Pilates and Stretch, New Roads Mainstreet, & P.C. Historical Society

We began on October 31, 2023, with a balance of \$21,618.64, have received \$57,012 in Rental Income, \$12,450 income from Venue Rentals, and Grants that were requested and received from various agencies including LOT, LEH, ANHA, LA MAIN STREET. (The grants are requested for specific services, including among many other necessities as repairing window sills, track lighting, advertising, painting and the new sign in the front of the lawn). We received \$2,459 from the Julian Poydras Foundation. DEPOSITS for the year ending October 31, 2024 were \$81,768.00. CHECKS WRITTEN were \$73,616.13. Balance as of October 31, 2024 was \$29,770.51.

SOCIETY FUND

- Revenues for the Society Fund come from membership dues, book sales, sponsors, donations and our annual "Jazz Brunch" fundraising events. We also join with other agencies for joint fundraising ventures.

· We use Society Proceeds in accordance the By-laws of the Pointe Coupee Historical Society. Expenditures are proposed to the board for and require board approval. The Bylaws are in the process of being revised next year.

Balance in the fund as of October 31, 2023 was \$42,441.12. DEPOSITS in Society Fund for period ending October 31, 2024 was \$95,718.63. CHECKS WRITTEN were \$85,604.36. Balance in Society Fund at end of period was \$52,558.89.

GRANTS received from: LOT, LEH, ANHA, LA MAIN STREET, LA SEAFOOD GRANT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND SPECIAL CD AS OF 10/31/2024

· Savings Fund Balance: \$52,264.36

· Certificate of Deposit: \$107,315.58

Balance in all accounts 10/31/2023: \$218,572.32

Balance in all accounts 10/31/2024: \$241,909.34

Difference: + \$ 23,337.02

4. **Director's Report:** Mrs. Mindy LaCour gave the Director's Report as a year in review. Please see below:

EVENTS

- Poydras Pop Up Art Exhibits; 3 total exhibits which include an opening reception in conjunction with Arts Council
- Classical Shindig with the help of Emily Smith. \$4,000 in fundraising
- Taste of Pointe Coupee; fundraiser in conjunction with Arts Council of PC
- Host site for "Lunch and Learns" with The Chamber of Commerce
- Put on 100-year Celebration that included a Street Dance and a Jazz Brunch on the front lawn. An exhibit was available to the attendees. Materials gathered from alumni and students, profited approx. \$40,000 and still giving people the opportunity until Dec. to put their name on the permanent plaque in the lobby.
- Hosted a Prevent Child Abuse Event by CASA on our lawn
- Museum at the Poydras Center on 3rd floor has been the focus for field trips. Just obtained a grant to make our own agriculture exhibit. We will begin crafting that in January 2025.
- Held big wedding on the front lawn
- Harvest Festival Pageant in the auditorium
- Replacing the Jane Pittman Oak sign that was stolen a few years ago. David James and Greg LaCour are heading up the efforts. We had many sponsorships that will allow the monitoring of the sign for years to come.
- Purchased new oven for the kitchen
- Numerous private events and functions that people rented space in our building for.

Grants (\$24,500)

- Emergency Preparedness Grant from Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities; sprinkler heads replaced in the building \$10,000
- Celebration Grants for 100-year Celebration and Poydras Pop up Exhibits; Atchafalaya National Heritage Area \$2500
- Louisiana Mainstreet grant; stripped, repainted, and glazed the exterior windows on the 2nd floor and doors on the exterior of the first floor, painted the auditorium, bathrooms on the 1st and 2nd floor; \$10,000 with a matching \$10,000

- Celebration Grant to contribute to the TravelStoryGPS project that we are working on with Tourism and Mainstreet. \$2,000

5. **100-year Celebration Plaque:** Mr. Greg LaCour discussed the 100-year plaque that will be made to acknowledge donors to the Pointe Coupee Historical Society and directed everyone to view the example placed on the wall by the front door of the Poydras Building. He stated that donations will be accepted until the last week in December and directed all donors to contact Director, Mrs. Mindy LaCour.

6. **Creole Homes of Pointe Coupee Presentation:** Mr. Greg LaCour introduced his former classmate, Mr. Guy Carlisle, who presented information and pictures detailing the architecture in Pointe Coupee Parish, focusing on raised Creole Cottages

7. **Adjournment:** Mrs. Michelle Rabalais motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Paula Lambert seconded.