

**Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 23, 2020**

Attendance: Daron Kinzinger, James Paul, Charles Balesi, Gary Seiner, Carl Moran, Malette Stevenson  
Missing: Roberta Renville

Start time: 7:08pm

**Old Business:**

- **Sidewalk Update** – Contractor had given excuses about materials now costing too much because of the rise in prices. Because of this, will rebid in the Spring. Marcia Rabideau had asked that if PVC (plastic) could be used instead, however, this would ruin any historical aesthetic of the Letourneau home.

**New Business:**

- **Chimney Leaks in Office** – Gary stated that the ceiling has been monitored. One can see where the leaking takes place in the ceiling near the chimney. When touched, the ceiling is dry even though the last few days there has been a large amount of rain. About five years ago, Mike Neal Construction had worked on all three chimneys to which the flashings were rebuilt. The board decided to monitor the leak throughout the winter.
- **Plantings on West side of property line** – Charles reported that local nurseries do have sumac plants to place at the property line to hide the neighbor's garbage cans. Jim stated that he would make a donation for the plants. Apparently, a neighbor has a sewer line which empties water into the side of the historical society village property making the ground mushy. Daron had already contacted the Village Code enforcement about this discharge from the neighbor, in that the ground should be dry. However, Daron has not heard from the Village Code enforcement person. Daron will follow up on this.
- **Museum Openings** – Because of Covid-19, the museum has been closed. Gary suggested that the museum could be opened once a month on the first Sunday of the month if everyone wears a mask and does social distancing starting in April. However, Jim suggested that this should be discussed at the first membership meeting which will occur on March 4, 2021.
- **Future New Roof** – According to the discussion, the last time the roof was replaced, cost about \$40,000 in 2003. The roof's life expectancy is to last anywhere from 20-30 years. Carl suggested that he would be willing to go onto the roof and treat the cedar shingles by spraying it with Thompson's oil to bring life back into them. Jim's research on the internet revealed that the shingles should last about 50 years with correct maintenance. Insurance was discussed as to the Village having insurance that covered the dwelling from hail damage and the Historical Society has insurance on the contents for inside the house. Jim will talk to the Village to confirm the insurance coverage on the Letourneau House dwelling.
- **Election for 2021** – Those terms that are set to expire are for Carl Moran, Charles Balesi and Roberta Renville. Both Carl and Charles have agreed to run for the board again for the next term. Because Roberta was absent, she will need to be contacted to see if she will agree for another term.
- Charles asked about thank you letters being sent to those who donated for the annual *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner since attendance has been disbanded due to Covid-19. Jim stated that he has been sending out the correspondence and will continue to do so.
- Charles praised Jim for all that he does for the society and all were in agreement.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm: Carl Moran, seconded by Charles Balesi.

Minutes Submitted by Malette Stevenson