

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—December 5, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** President James Paul called the meeting to order at 7pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ATTENDANCE:** James Paul, John Hassett, Gary Seiner, Charles Balesi, Laurel Soper, Roberta Renville, Norma Meier, Mimi Raiche, Ken Ponton, and Nelda Ravens.

**PRESENTATION:** Gary talked about early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century Christmas tree and presents traditions.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the November 7, 2019 minutes was made by Nelda and seconded by Roberta. Minutes were approved.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS—ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The slate of officers was stated. No one volunteered to become secretary. Gary nominated everyone slated. Charles seconded the nomination. The nomination motion was unanimously approved. The officers for 2020 are: Jim Paul—president, Gary Seiner—vice-president, Marsha Rabideau—executive vice-president, \_\_\_\_\_ --secretary, Laurel Soper—corresponding secretary, John Hassett—treasurer, board of trustees up for election Daron Kinzinger, Gary Seiner, Malette Trudeau Stevenson, and Jim Paul (other board members Carl Moran, Charles Balesi, and Roberta Renville were not up for re-election).

**TREASURERS REPORT:** John provided a spreadsheet that showed separate accounts and balances for the Log School House (\$34,877.88), the Windows (\$270.91), and the General Funds (\$30,270.64). John suggested that all insurance coverages be reviewed and board liability insurance be opened to bids. The treasurer's report was approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** no report.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** The new plastic clear donation box was presented. Ken and Jim have donated this new box. The BGHS table at this upcoming Saturday's craft fair was assigned: Jim and John 9-11, Laurel 11-1, and Gary 1-3. The Christmas Open House on December 15 was discussed. Jim will prepare the BGHS newspaper clippings for the past decade for attendees to vote on the top news story. Refreshments were assigned. The Chocolate Tour was discussed. Laurel and Ellen Stringer will prepare for this event by offering fleur-de-lis chocolates to visitors at the Letourneau Home/Museum on Saturday February 1, 2020 from 12-5pm.

**CURATORS REPORT:** In the spring, the Curation Committee will make a suggestion about the collection management software to purchase.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Daron Kinzinger will ask the three contractors who have submitted estimates for the boardwalk repair to use equal criteria, and resubmit their bids.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim summarized the first Community Campus planning committee meeting that he just attended before this meeting. Jim suggested the formation of an Education Committee to reestablish the BGHS student award.

OLD BUSINESS: The progress on fund raising for the log schoolhouse restoration was discussed. To date, just under \$45,000 toward the \$120,000 goal has been raised.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Paul