

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—May 5, 2022 (action items are in red)

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Paul called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He hosted, presided over the meeting, and took minutes. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: In addition to Jim Paul, Charles Balesi, Bonnie Bergeron, Daron Kinzinger, Steve Monts, Jean Legris-Pekoc and Roy Pekoc, Judy and Ken Ponton, Wal Schuler, Gary Seiner, Ellen Stringer, and Josue Savoi attended.

PRESENTATION: The membership then discussed “Can you identify these local historical persons?”—from the April/May 2022 issue of BGHS News eletter). After several minutes of discussion among the members, Jean identified Mary Lesage and Philip Letourneau as the two medical doctors in question.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 7, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ken and seconded by Charles. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of March: general account \$20,711.41; log schoolhouse account \$64,043.65; and windows account \$466.02. The former CD (\$6,534.23) is now part of the general account. After explaining the bills that were paid (notably the \$191.88 website fee), Bonnie made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills and seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Ken reviewed several items offered to the society: a rope bed frame, doll house made by Adrien Richard, apple press (both items belonging to Marcia and Larry Rabideau), and items from the Legris-Pekoc family (family portraits, ladder-back rocking chair, and travel trunk that Joseph Legris took to the California Gold Rush. The membership rejected the rope bed frame, and Ken will reply to Janet Glidden (the donor). The membership approved the rest of the items.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie stated that the 2021 membership is/was: 53 life members, 8 new members, 54 paid members, and 16 not paid members (or a total membership of 131-16 (not paid) for total membership of 115.

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Daron recommends the CFKRV Pass Through Fund investment option. He was told that the fee would be 2.5% of any generated revenue from our deposits and our organization could withdraw our total balance if we deem necessary. At this time, Daron is not recommending the Endowment option which would only charge a 1.5% fee but would lock-in our primary funds with interest-only withdrawals. The Endowment option has a long term focus and we must be cognizant of short-term needs given our current financial status. If excess funds become available in the future, the Endowment option might be a viable option. The board would need to vote to approve such an investment if it is desired. Daron explained that the interest rate income on the Pass Through Fund would

vary like a mutual fund. The membership wants the \$6,534.23 from the former CD—which is now in the general account—to be used for this investment. At the May 4 board meeting, Daron reported that the motion to this effect was passed by the board.

- Ellen Stringer could not attend the meeting but submitted a written report. The July 4 show is at ½ capacity. Ellen thinks that since this trend is consistent with past shows, that things are back to normal. She has secured Bennett-Curtis House as the food vendor. She continues to drop checks off to Steve as they come in. Ellen will promote the show at both Rhubarb and Strawberry Festivals. She is also putting up posters and passing out flyers.
- Ken and Daron promoted selling scrap pieces of logs from the log schoolhouse restoration—if there are any scraps.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Jim promoted a Saturday May 14 garden work session from 9-11 am.
- Ken said that he will prune trees if directed by someone.
- Our neighbor's sump pump discharge issue south of the log schoolhouse will be raised at the next Log Schoolhouse Advisory Committee meeting on May 19.
- **Laurel will put the garden information from Gary and Marcia on the website in the near future.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim and his granddaughter, Cayla Bradley, volunteered to chaperon the Letourneau Home open house on May 1. Gary plans to chaperon the May 15 open house. Jim mentioned that chaperones are needed for June 5 and June 19 open houses. Bonnie volunteered for June 5 and Gary for June 19.
- Ellen still plans to interview her Mom, Dad, and Aunt for the MBVM 175th anniversary history of the parish.
- **Daron will edit the bylaws drafted by Jim. The draft provides language for restructuring of the BGHS.**
- **Daron said he will send the May 4 board meeting minutes to Laurel after they are approved. He sent her the approved board minutes from July and October 2021 so that they can be posted on the website.**
- Ken explained what mounting stones were—stepping stones for getting onto a horse or into a carriage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The members decided that the next BGHS membership meeting will be Zoom only at 7:00 pm on June 9, 2022.
- Jim gave an overview of the French Heritage Corridor Conference on May 12-13.
- Ken said that he would make the needed corrections in the Letourneau Home/Museum brochure.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm. Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul

