

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—October 6, 2022 (action items are in red)

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Paul called the in-person and 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 Bales, Daron Kinzinger, Norma Meier, Christine and Max Michels, Ken Ponton, Wal Schuller, and Elmira Wilkey attended in-person; Daron Kinzinger, Steve Monts, Jean Legris-Pekoc, Roy Pekoc, and Gary Seiner attended via Zoom.

PRESENTATION: The membership then discussed “Who am I?”—from the September/October 2022 issue of BGHS News eletter). Daron was the first to identify the Quaker abolitionist who ordered the construction of the log schoolhouse in 1837: Thomas Durham.

MINUTES: The minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ken and seconded by Christine. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of September: general account \$20,589.22; log schoolhouse account \$64,722.75; windows account \$491.05; and CFKRV pass through investment \$6,523.23. Steve stated that the general fund income included for September included \$1710 from vendor entry fees for the December 3 craft show. Steve made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the log schoolhouse account to the Village of Bourbonnais to pay the reconstruction bills. Max seconded the motion. Motion carried. The board will now approve this transfer. Charles made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills and it was seconded by Norma. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Christine reviewed the latest emails sent to the BGHS website.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: None.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie sent an email report on current membership: 56 lifetime, 52 returning members, 3 new members—for total of 111 members—and 16 former members have not paid their dues.

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Jim gave an update for the Tuesday November 15 log schoolhouse inauguration and *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner—individuals are encouraged to save the date and register for the celebration dinner. **Four volunteers are needed to facilitate self-guided tours of the Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse; and a few volunteers are needed to set up tables, chairs, cut the cake, and serve the hot mulled apple juice and coffee.** Jean and Roy are going to try to attend the November 15 inauguration festivities. Jim would like her and others whose families lived in the log schoolhouse, to “say a few words” during the inauguration.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Daron is supervising Alex Salazar's landscape pruning around the Letourneau Home/Museum;
- Pruning of the River Birch tree is needed, Daron and Gary will try to get an estimate; and
- Jim asked the membership for input on how to use the termite damages logs from the original log schoolhouse. He suggested an artistic concept. Ken called it a "Decorative Wood Sculpture". Gary will draw it and Jim will submit it to the village for approval.
- Jim explained Levi Lawson's plan for a small shelter in the back garden, which he will create for his Eagle Scout badge.
- Ken made a motion to remove the deteriorating MOSH bench. Elmira seconded. Motion carried.
- Gary said that Levi Lawson pointed out address errors on two historic home photographs in the "coffee room". Gary will correct the addresses.
- Ken explained his plan to repair the west porch with wood, lattices, paint, and hand rail. Max made a motion to do the work with material limit of \$500. Elmira seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Daron stated that his editing of the bylaws (drafted by Jim) is ongoing. The draft provides language for restructuring of the BGHS.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The next BGHS membership meeting will be in-person and Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday November 10—due to Jim's travel schedule.
- The schedule for volunteers to chaperone the Letourneau Home/Museum open house on
 - October 16: Ken
 - November 6: No one volunteered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm and the officers and board members went into closed session to choose the 2022 *Fleur-de-Lis* Award of Excellence recipient.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul