

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—July 11, 2024 (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, Daron Kinzinger, Mary Ann Lambert, Betty Leininger, Ken Lewellen, Steve Monts, Doris O'Connor, Marsha Rabideau, and Gary Seiner attended.

PRESENTATION: Jim posed the question again from the BGHS News Eletter of June/July 2024 "Who am I? Daron gave the correct answer: Chief Mesheketeno.

MINUTES: The June 6, 2024, meeting minutes were approved. The motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of June: general account \$26,696.41 which includes the Windows subaccount of \$576.37; and log schoolhouse account \$3,460.99. Balance of the CFKRV pass through investment account on December 13, 2023 was \$7,268.48. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills by Ken and seconded by Marsha. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: None

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: None

CURATOR'S REPORT: Gary reviewed his many new ideas for displaying artifacts. Some of his changes include a map of what lights to tune on, new mail box for officers, painted sugar ax, and bible in parlor. The membership again thanked Gary and Mary Ann for their care and display of both museums' artifacts.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Doris gave an update and will provide more details about lifetime members number at the next meeting. So far, 37 individuals have paid dues for 2024, 2 are new, and 20 still need to pay.

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Jim and Steve gave a cursory report about the craft show. Ellen will submit details shortly.
- No website update, but Daron requested a QR code for our website. Jim will try to create one.
- Betty asked about the remnant log pieces. Jim stated that a wood worker is needed to move this project along. He has not heard back from Randy Papineau.
- Jim encouraged everyone to publicize the Sign Up Genius as the easy way to volunteer for upcoming open houses.
- Jim illustrated the 16 page booklet: *A Pictorial History of Bourbonnais Grove's First Log Schoolhouse (1837-48) and Home for French-Canadian Families from 1848-2010*. More copies will be printed and for sale at \$5 each and placed online on the BGHS website. A print copy is in the photo album in the log schoolhouse.

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Jim has not heard any further from Levi Lawson regarding his Eagle Scout Project, and will take it off the agenda.
- Jim supervised the pest control for Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse on July 8.
- Jim stated that Pam and Russ Perkins would like to expand the Native Garden behind the Letourneau Home and dedicate it to the late Joanne Schnell. Jim made a motion to that effect, and the motion was seconded by Gary. Motion carried. Marsha would like to donate native plant seeds as needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Tabled: Daron and Jim met on September 21, 2023 to move the draft (created by Jim) forward so that it can be presented to the membership in 2024. Daron has prepared a supplemental draft and would like to schedule a meeting with Jim to review both drafts. Jim would like a printed copy of Daron's draft before such meeting. After Jim and Daron reach agreement on the changes, the agreed upon language so that it can be presented to the membership.
- Several chaperons have volunteered for open houses of the Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse and craft show. However, there are many open dates in need of volunteers. Chaperones are needed for September 1.

(At the Letourneau Home/Museum, Doris O'Connor has volunteered for June 16; Priscilla Dwyer has volunteered for 7/21)—the Letourneau Home/Museum open house volunteer chaperon “sign up” link is:

[Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society: Chaperoning Letourneau Home/Museum Open House--Meet and Greet, Hand Out Self-Guided Tours, Oversee Artifacts \(signupgenius.com\).](#)

(At the Log Schoolhouse; Ken Lewellen has volunteered for July 7 and August 4)—the Log Schoolhouse volunteer chaperon “sign up” link is: [Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society: Chaperoning Log Schoolhouse Open House--Meet and Greet, Hand Out Self-Guided Tours, Oversee Artifacts \(signupgenius.com\)](#)).

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Next meeting was set for Thursday August 8, 2024 and via Zoom only.
- At the April meeting, Jim asked the members “Can we engage the community more in our museum campus with the iNaturalist app? The response was “great, cool”, so he will pursue this idea. **Jim will work on this idea.**
- Daron recommended a volunteer marketing person, fund raiser, and McGuffey Readers (true reproductions) for the log schoolhouse.
- Jim announced special BGHS 2024 dates with links—**save the dates:**
  - **September 14**—reservation deadline for annual *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner [Fleur-de-Lis Celebration \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](https://bourbonnaishistory.org)
  - **Tuesday September 24**, beginning at 5:30pm—*Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner [Fleur-de-Lis Celebration \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](https://bourbonnaishistory.org)
  - **Saturday December 7** from 9am – 3 pm—*Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair [Les Artisans Fair \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](https://bourbonnaishistory.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Motion was made by Ken and seconded by Daron.  
Motion carried.  
Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul