

Minutes of Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Meeting September 1, 2016

BGHS Vice-President Ken Ponton presided over the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those members in attendance in addition to Mr. Ponton were Bruce Moran, Jim Paul, Judy Ponton, Gary Seiner, Laurel Soper, and Ellen Stringer. The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were unavailable to be approved.

Mr. Arseneau was absent so there was no treasurer's report. Nonetheless, Mr. Moran made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Seiner. Motion carried.

There was no membership report, but Ms. Soper stated that there were 37 members of the society.

There was no Curator Report, but everyone present complimented Ms. Rabideau on the new exhibits and displays in the meeting room.

Under the Ways and Means Report, Ms. Stringer announced that response to the July 4 Les Artisans Arts and Crafts Fair was extremely positive. She said the July 4 craft fair had a "buying crowd" that attended. She said that the BGHS will get a full booth at the next craft fair. There were 50 booths at the July 4 craft fair, and she has already booked 33 booths for the December 3 craft fair. Ms. Stringer will continue to publicize the upcoming fairs by her involvement in the Fall Arts Stroll on September 11, Scare Crow Festival on September 24 at the Perry Farm (Stichin' Witch), the Manteno Lighted Parade on September 24, the Watseka Harvest Daze on October 1, and the Kankakee Farmers Market October 15, and the KCC Hoopla on November 17. She was concerned that another group is using the Les Artisans name for their fair. Mr. Ponton agreed to ask the BGHS attorney about this copyright issue of using our name for the fair.

Under the Building and Grounds Report, Mr. Ponton mentioned that Jeff Stevenson had installed new lights outside, and that he is working on repairing the interior lights that do not work. He will send Mr. Stevenson a thank you card. Mr. Carl Moran will cut down the apple tree as volunteer labor for the society. Dr. Paul stated that he needs help on Saturday October 15 from 8-10 am for fall garden clean up in the Letourneau Home/Museum gardens.

Under Correspondence, four new issues of *Images of America: Bourbonnais* were purchased by the curator. Ms. Rabideau has also invited all BGHS members to her mother's 107 birthday 11 am dinner at Miller Nursing Home on Saturday December 17. The dinner cost will be a donation the BGHS.

Under Old Business, Mr. Ponton volunteered to be house sitter for the October 2 Letourneau Home Open House.

Under New Business, the Christmas Open House was set for Sunday December 18. The artifacts (sword and prayer book) from the former display in the meeting room, will be returned the Charles Marquardt.

Ms. Soper moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Ponton seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary