

Minutes of Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Meeting October 6, 2016

BGHS Vice-President Ken Ponton presided over the meeting and brought the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Those members in attendance in addition to Mr. Ponton were Tim Arseneau, Bonnie Bergeron, Charles Balesi, Daron Kinzinger, Jim Paul, Judy Ponton, Marsha Rabideau, Gary Seiner, Laurel Soper, Penelope Stickney, and Ellen Stringer. The minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting were unavailable to be approved.

Mr. Arseneau presented the Treasurer's Report: regular checking balance as of 8/31/16 was \$11,578.57; and windows account of the same date was \$5567.02. Ms. Rabideau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Seiner made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bergeron. Motion carried.

Under the Membership Report, Ms. Bergeron stated that there were 40-41 members of the society.

Under the Ways and Means Report, Ms. Stringer announced that she has already booked 42 booths for the December 3 craft fair. Another 23 booths are possible with a total of 88 spaces. She is continuing to publicize the craft fair with posters, flyers, and invitations. She has also acquired the food vendors: Pie Square, Henry's Hot Dogs, and Pizza Calzone. The amount budgeted for the two crafts fairs for the year is usually between \$750 and \$800. Ms. Rabideau suggested that the quilts donated by the Benoit family be sold at the craft fair. She made a motion that a silent auction be held for each quilt with the starting bid of \$50 plus \$10 for annual membership to the BGHS. Dr. Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under the Building and Grounds Report, 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. The society thanked Mr. Ponton for repairing the caps to the Letourneau Home/Museum sign; and Mr. Seiner for painting the outside bench.

Under Old Business, Dr. Paul stated that house sitters were needed for the November 6 and December 4 Letourneau Home Open House. Ms. Rabideau stated that her mother, Anne Richard's, 107th birthday celebration will be from 11-12:30 pm on December 28, 2016 at Miller Rehabilitation Center. In lieu of flowers or gifts, Ms. Rabideau suggested that members make a donation to the BGHS. Mr. Arseneau made a motion to that effect. Ms. Stickney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under New Business, the members passed a motion (made by Ms. Rabideau and seconded by Mr. Kinzinger) to purchase three more books *The Time of the French in the Heart of North America* by Dr. Balesi.

Ms. Bergeron moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary