

## **Minutes of Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Meeting November 3, 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 Bonnie Bergeron, Charles Balesi, Jim Paul, Judy Ponton, Gary Seiner, and Nelda Ravens of the Bradley Historical Society. The minutes of the October 6, 2016 meeting were corrected and approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

Under the Membership Report, Ms. Bergeron stated that there are 57 members of the society who are lifetime members and 40 annual dues paying members or a total of 97.

Under the Ways and Means Report, Mr. Ponton announced that 65 booths for the December 3 craft fair have been assigned. 88 booths in total are possible. Quilts donated by the Benoit family will be sold at the craft fair for at least \$50 each plus the baby quilt for at least \$25. Mr. Seiner will make signs for the silent action. The highest bidder for each of the quilts will also get one year free membership in the BGHS. Ms. Bergeron will serve as hostess at the BGHS booth from 9-11 am, and Mr. Seiner will host the booth from 1-3 pm.

Under the Building and Grounds Report, Dr. Paul thanked the BGHS members and master gardeners who did fall clean up on Saturday October 15 from 8-10 am.

Under Old Business, Dr. Paul stated that a house sitter was needed for the December 4 Letourneau Home Open House. Also, Mr. Seiner moved that the amount in the windows account plus an additional \$184 be used to pay Restoration Works to restore three windows. Ms. Bergeron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gratitude was expressed to the DAR for the commemorative rock-plaque that now sits in front of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. It was also noted that the light for the flag and sign has been broken.

Under New Business, the members discussed the need for a nominating committee to solicit officers for 2017. The following individuals expressed willingness to serve as officers for 2017: Dr. Paul--president of the society, Mr. Seiner--vice-president, and Dr. Balesi—secretary. The members decided that if Mr. Arseneau is willing to continue to serve as treasurer, Ms. Rabideau as executive vice-president, Mr. Kinzinger as board member, Mr. Seiner as board member, and Dr. Paul as board member, then there would be no need for a nominating committee. The members agreed on a new meeting format to entice more members to the meetings. The new format would include: beverages and snacks, an historically significant 10-15 minute presentation followed by a brief business meeting. The program and meeting would end after one hour—except for socializing afterwards. Ms. Ravens mentioned that the Bradley Historical Society has a monthly pot luck lunch at the Bradley Public Library on the second Tuesday of every month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Jim Paul, Secretary