

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY at the LETOURNEAU HOUSE, in BOURBONNAIS, Illinois

## MINUTES OF THE December 1st, 2016 and MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 MEETINGS

The March 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting called to order at 19h04 (07h04 pm).

Note: refreshments were provided by Jim Paul and Laurel Soper.

1) Minutes of the proceeding meeting of December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, labeled "JOYEUX NOEL".

*"Pour memoire"* that meeting was the occasion for the adoption of a different approach to our meeting, bringing emphasis to cultural and historical exchange in the form of communications by members of our organization – or outsiders – relevant to the mission of the BGHS. Refreshments were provided by Charles Balesi and Waltraud Schuller, Ken and Cathy Lowellen. Jim Paul presided over the meeting and portrayed Gurdon Hubbard as a presentation at the beginning of the meeting.

During the business segment of the meeting a new slate of officers were elected: President, Dr. James Paul; Gary Seiner, Vice-President; Marsha Rabideau, Executive Vice-President; Tim Arseneau, Treasurer; Secretary, Dr. Charles J. Balesi; Daron Kinzinger, Trustee; Gary Seiner, Trustee and Jim Paul, Trustee; Carl Moran and Charles Balesi will continue in their second year as trustees.

We saluted the work done by Ken Ponton to shepherd our association until the election of the new bureau.

**We had a particular large crowd: more than 25 people were in attendance during our social hour which preceding the business part.**

2) Minutes of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

As now established, our meeting began with a presentation. In this case it was Jim Paul who showed through his Power point assemblage the project concerning re-assembling and locating the original school house (1837) on the ground of the Letourneau House.

During the business segment of the meeting, a meeting of the Board was decided for March 18, at 14h30 (2h30 pm) to discuss needed repairs.

Under "Old Business" report was given about the February 4<sup>th</sup> particularly successful open house with 200 visitors. Refreshment included mini chocolate éclairs provided by Laurel Soper.

During Tim Arseneau absence, financial business will be handled by Gary Seiner. Jim will follow up with Tim regarding essential financial matters.

Next Sunday's open house will be assumed by Jim Paul with the participation of Charles Balesi.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL to the BGHS is facilitated by printing of a membership forms. BGHS passed a motion that LAUREL Soper put all monthly BGHS historical articles printed in the *Herald* since summer 2013 on the BGHS website under the "*Le Journal*" link and subtitle them as "The Following Articles are a continuation of *Le Journal du Village*, not as a newsletter but as Monthly Articles printed in *the Herald* weekly newspaper".

Another important issue is finding volunteers to sit at the Letourneau House from 1 to 4:00 pm (13h00 to 16h00) on the following Sundays: March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Self-guided tour information is available for all who visit the Letourneau House during these Sundays. (Would you have a preferred Sunday you would like to volunteer, please reply to Jim or Charles using the email connected with this on-line communication of the minutes to you.

In attendance were: Jim Paul, Charles Balesi, Laurel Soper, Norma Meier, Daron Kinzinger, Gary Seiner, Ken Lewelloen, and Ellen Stringer.

Submitted by Dr. Charles Balesi, Secretary