

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
July 6, 2017

Call to Order/Pledge/Attendance:

Meeting called to order by President Jim Paul at 7 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. In addition to President Paul and Treasurer, Tim Arseneau, there were 7 members in attendance: Gary Seiner, Ken Ponton, Bonnie Bergeron, Norma Meier, Mary Ann Lambert, Ellen Stringer, and Rhiannon Stinger.

Presentation:

Julie Worby addressed the society about the French/Canadian Festival that will be held at Maternity BVM Church and grounds on September 9 & 10. The Society will have a booth at the festival and will lend artifacts for displays if needed.

Minutes:

The May 4, 2017 were sent to members by e-mail. Ken Ponton made a motion to accept the minutes, 2nd – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Finances:

No formal report was available. The balances are \$8,930.51 in the checking account and \$115.48 in windows account. Treasurer, Tim Arseneau, stated that most of the payments are in from the craft show. Ken Ponton asked if there was a service charge to keep the windows account open. Tim said there was no charge so it was decided to keep the account open in case more funds become available for work on the house. Tim accepted a \$500 check from the Friendship Festival. Bonnie Bergeron made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd – motion carried.

Ways and Means/Programming/Publicity:

Ellen Stringer, facilitator for the arts and crafts fair, stated that 75 booths were paid for which amounted to \$1,900. There were probably a 1,000 people at the fair and they stayed until the end, which is unusual. About 60% of the vendors said they had good sales. The biggest issue was the lack of reliable Wi-Fi which caused many problems for vendors and customers. This issue will need to be resolved before the December show.

Memberships:

One new member makes the total 94.

Curator:

No report.

Building and Grounds:

Several members worked on the grounds in their adopted areas. Other areas still need to be adopted and worked on. But progress is being made in getting the grounds weeded and cleaned up. Another work day will be July 15 from 8-10 am.

On July 17, the students from Camp Mosh will assist Marcia Rabideau in cleaning the house.

Gary Seiner mentioned that some of sashes on the windows were never painted when the house was painted the last time. Jim suggested he (Gary) talk to Daron Kinzinger about the issue.

Old Business:

Norma Meier is continuing with research on the French/Canadian home which is still standing and inhabited off of Amour Road on the North side. Jim asked that she write an article for the Bourbonnais Herald once she has finished.

Dave King is researching the Van Meter Cemetery and would like someone to assist him. It was suggested that Nelda Ravens might be interested.

New Business:

Jim passed out the flyer for the November 3rd celebration dinner. Also the application form to nominate someone who has contributed efforts extensively to the area's French/Canadian heritage. The deadline for the nomination is October 1st. The application form was approved by the society.

Adjournment:

Ken Ponton made a motion to adjourn at 7:50, 2nd – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Bergeron