

**Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes November 2, 2017**

**Call to Order/Pledge/Attendance:**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Paul at 7 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited. In addition to President Paul, other members in attendance were: Gary Seiner, Norma Meier, Ken Ponton, Judy Ponton, Mary Ann Lambert, Sandi Sandeno, Daron Kinzinger, Charles Balesi, and Wal Schuller.

**Presentation:**

Dr. JoJo Sayson spoke about the Ian Fleming Foundation fund raising event planned for the fall of 2018. JoJo envisions a major black tie dinner and program to be scheduled at the Hilton Garden Inn. James Bond memorabilia, artifacts, and movie personalities will attract a large participation. The fund raising connection to the BGHS and a consortium of other not-for-profit organizations will be James Bond “Rescuing a forgotten colonial French America and its post-colonial legacy in the river valley corridor heart of North America from Lake Michigan to St. Genevieve, Missouri”. Proceeds from the fund raising event will benefit the primary sponsors: Ian Fleming Foundation (maintenance and care of the James Bond movie artifacts housed in a hangar at the Kankakee Regional Airport); Dr. Sayson’s Michelangelo charity; BGHS’s restoration of Bourbonnais Grove’s first log school house (1837-48); and consortium support for reconstruction of Fort St. Louis at Starved Rock. All members of the consortium will gain interstate publicity which will aid in attracting new members as well as a platform for social media to publicize their events.

**Minutes:**

The minutes for the October 5, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report/Finances:**

The treasurer was not in attendance, and therefore there was no Treasurer’s Report. Jim mentioned that the *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner cash and checks submitted to date are: October 5, 2017—donation \$5, dinner \$1010; November 2, 2017—donations \$655, dinner \$2675; totals—donations \$660, dinner \$3685 or \$4345 for both months plus \$14 in dues. Ken Ponton moved that the bills be paid. Gary Seiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ways and Means/Programming/Publicity:**

The *Fleur-de-lis* Celebration Dinner is scheduled for tomorrow evening November 3 at the Kankakee County Country Club. Jim recommended that a Log School House Restoration account be set up by the treasurer. Volunteers stepped forward to represent the BGHS at the upcoming December 2 craft show: Jim Paul 9-11am, Judy and Ken Ponton 11-1pm, and Gary Seiner 1-2pm. Ellen Stringer is publicizing the craft show in all media and local events.

**Memberships:**

No report.

**Curator:**

No report.

**Building and Grounds:**

A final 2017 garden work session was scheduled for Saturday November 11 [later changed to November 18 due to bad weather] from 9-11 am. The interior home/museum painting was planned for the next two weeks so that Gary Seiner can decorate the home/museum for Christmas. Paint colors samples were taken from the existing walls and ceilings so that John Hassett can have Sherwin Williams match all of the existing colors.

**Old Business:**

Jim presented a membership gift coffee mug at the meeting. The mug would have the 1883 Kankakee Historical Atlas sketch of the Letourneau Home/Farmstead on it. The cost was \$616.40 for 144 mugs. He made a motion to purchase the mugs, seconded by Charles Balesi. The motion did not carry. The members thought although this was a good idea, the cost was too much money to spend at this time. In other Old Business, Laurel Soper stated that she would bring a proposal to the December 7 meeting about putting "donate" on our website, and paying membership dues online. The high phone bill still needs to be resolved.

**New Business:**

Sandi Sandeno considered chaperoning the Letourneau Home/Museum open house on December 3. She will confirm with Jim later. The Christmas open house was set for Sunday December 17 from 1-4pm. Officers will be nominated and elected at the December meeting. Wal Schuler volunteered to seek a nominee for secretary.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul