

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Paul called the meeting to order a few minutes before 7pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: Jim Paul, John Hassett, Marcia Rabideau, Gary Seiner, Bonnie Bergeron, Ken and Judy Ponton, Mimi Raiche, Connie Sullivan, Norma Meier, Mary Ann Lambert, Elmira Smith-Wilkes, Tim Arseneau, Nelda Ravens, Roberta Renville

PRESENTATION: Kate's Moore, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator of the Bourbonnais Public Library presented possibilities of BGHS and the Library working on cooperative activities.

MINUTES: Motion to approve the June Minutes was made by Gary Seiner and 2nd by Tim Arseneau. Minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: John Hassett reported he prefers to work with "a 0 base budget". Copies of the treasurers Report were distributed. Income of \$25,000 and expenses \$18,000.

Jim Paul reported a \$5000 donation from ONU to the Log School House Restoration and \$1000 from John Bowling.

John purchased a \$300 printer for the officers to try out and pay him if it can be useful.

Ken suggested a correction on the website is needed for the address of the Letourneau House. Three different address appear listed.

(My notes do not show a motion or a 2nd to accept the treasurer's report)

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie Bergeron reported 165 members, 63 life, 10 new, 37 paid and 65 not paid.

WAYS AND MEANS: Open House- Bonnie Bergeron will do the first Sunday in Aug and Sandy Sandino will have the first Sunday in Sept. Gary will do Open House on the 3rd Sunday's.

Nominations for the recipient of the Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence are due.

Jim volunteered to have a BGHS table at the Voyageur ClassicSK Run/ Walk.

CURATOR REPORT: Marcia passed out the revised Accession Form for approval and use. Two forms had already been used and filled out for items donated. She suggested a photo accompany the form. Motion to accept the Accession Form was made by Norma and 2nd by MaryAnn. Motion carried. Policy and Procedures for Accessions will follow.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: This week the MOSH Camp students spent a half day cleaning the inside of the Letourneau House and a half day weeding the gardens. Also, their original donated bench was repainted and decorated. Thank you's will be sent out.

The need for repair of the boardwalk around the house will be inspected by Ken Ponton and reported at the next meeting.

Gary has made good use of the saw purchased after the last meeting.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON % OF FRANCES COOPER WERTZ BEQUEST: Marcia interrupted with concerns voiced since the last meeting that the minutes show no motion or vote had been taken for this vote. She moved to delay the vote until a report of the Log School house proposals and costs and a report of the Letourneau House expenses for the next 10 years be presented to the

membership. A revote to be taken with the approval of the BGHS Board. It was second by Mary Ann Lambert.

A discussion followed to clarify the motion. Jim passed out pamphlets with information including the projected cost of the Log School House, fund raising events and the need in the community. Future expenses discussed for the Letourneau house will include roofing, windows, painting and preservation of articles in the House. A vote by hand was taken: 4 approved, 4 opposed and 7 uncommitted. The motion did not carry.

Jim Paul made a motion to have a membership vote on a % of the France Cooper Wertz bequest to be given to the Log School House Restoration Project. John Hassett 2nd the motion.

A discussion followed with the legality of giving money to another organization. Ken Ponton suggested that the BGHS Attorney be consulted. Jim will report at a later time.

The motion passes- 9 approve, 2 opposed and 4 did not vote.

The result of the % vote for the Log School House: 31 votes were counted by Bonnie Bergeron and John Hassett with 47.48% of the \$38,384. The Bequest going to the Log School House = \$18,224.72.

NEW BUSINESS: Mimi Raiche reported that the deed to Saint Rose Church now belongs to the Association of the Preservation of Saint Rose Chapel.

Elmira presented "Reader Books" dating from mid 1800s she would like to donate at a later time to be used in the Log School House.

Jim suggested a need for a new plastic Donation Box. Ken volunteered to look for possibilities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bonnie and 2nd by Connie. Adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Rabideau