

Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society
November 1st, 2018

Attendance: Dr. Jim Paul, Faith Quigley, Laurel Soper, Norma Meier, Michelle Meier, Tim Arseneau, Ken Ponton, Mimi Raich, Gary Seiner, Mary Ann Lambert, Wal Schuller, Nelda Ravens, and Daron Kinzinger.

Call to Order: Meeting began by President Dr. Jim Paul at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes: Ken Ponton made a motion to accept minutes. Norma Meier seconded. All in favor.

Treasure: Tim

Main account balance: 14,013.73

Schoolhouse account balance: 3,154.39

Windows account balance: 195.66

-Craft show is good, waiting on three checks to fill show, approximately 84 slots are currently filled.

-Laurel Soper wondered about general account and log schoolhouse restoration money value. Dr. Paul and Tim Arseneau answered that the balance wasn't correct yet.

-Laurel Soper made a motion to pay the bills. Michelle Meier seconded. All in favor.

-Dr. Paul did write a check #1182 from his account for \$50.60 because Tim Arseneau overpaid him on accident. That check is going back into the log schoolhouse.

-Francis Wertz passed away and her obituary is in the newspaper. She was owner of the Cooper Pony Farm family, and the officers are in communication with her estate and trust. We could receive a portion of such of about \$36,000, but that could vary. It will be received in January or February. Jackie Bruhn is the Home Star Bank representative contact. A special board meeting will be scheduled to receive the donation when it is available. Dr. Paul made a motion to hereby graciously accept this gift. Seconded by Tim Arseneau. All in favor.

Membership:

-There was acknowledgement of the changed membership due date from March 1st to June 1st.

-Ken Ponton asked about continuing membership cards. Ken Ponton made motion for discontinuance of membership cards. Tim Arseneau seconded. All were in favor.

Ways and Means:

-Dr. Paul spoke about the possible French Heritage Day with Michelle Meier and the group.

-Charles Balesi wanted to do something with Chris Shoup. Shoup is an artist of artwork pertaining to heritage. There is the potential of Brickstone making specialty French ail for the day. Michelle Meier will follow up with Brickstone.

-Discussion about timing of the day which is still in negotiations. Ken Ponton suggested the fall in between two crafts fairs so that they could sell craft booth places during the day and make profits off of the celebration. This could be too close to *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner day, but booths would offset costs of the day itself.

-Charles Balesi has worked up some correspondence with mayor and the French Deputy Counsel, Monsieur Lacois and Quebec Delegate to the Midwest Jean Francois Hould. He's also talked about sister cities—one in America and one in France. The mayor has always talked about it and Charles is the connection. Acknowledgement is made that everyone needs to sit down together to make decisions. Dr. Paul stated that there are a lot of options.

-There was a *Herald* article about *Fleur-de-Lis* Dinner. Dr. Paul made a comment. Perhaps another dinner poster could be made.

-Dr. Paul had asked if Sandi Pedraja Ortiz has thanked donors for log school house donations (who we do not have e-mail addresses for). She was provided with words to use and materials. Wal Schuller verified that she sent them out.

-For the Craft show on December 1st, Ellen will be conducting it from 9-3. There is usually someone at a table about the society from 9am-11am, 11am-1pm, and 1pm-3pm. Ken Ponton volunteered for the 9am-11am spot, Laurel Soper volunteered for the 11am-1pm spot and Wal Schuller will check with Charles about volunteering. Ken Ponton asked if anyone needed help setting up. Materials for the booth were discussed.

-Dr. Paul thanked those volunteers.

-Laurel Soper called Kathy Taylor who really wants to host on a Sunday. Taylor was told she could come this Sunday.

-Discussion about open house: It will be from 1pm-4pm on December 16th. Possible refreshments will be warm cider, cookie trays, maybe crock pot from Wal Schuller. Wal Schuller will make cookies, and Michelle Meier will also make cookies

-Laurel Soper discussed the Chocolate Tour: We have had participation in last two years and a decision is reached to participate again. It's on a Saturday, usually the first of February. The Park District and Village have it together and people go to different places and get chocolate. Over 200 people have come the last couple years. Organization and business provide chocolate. There was coffee served last year too. Meeting county health standards is tricky, but Ellen Stringer would know rules. Wal Schuller asked about whether the food needs to be prepared or bought. Laurel Soper noted that it must be approved.

Building and Grounds:

-The last gardening date is November 17th.

-Gary had put bags out front and cleared out brush recently.

-Dr. Paul has had discussions about the sign. In the original in 1999, Letourneau's image was nice looking. Now, the Letourneau image looks different after the sign was blown over. The sign will be repainted too and we will be given an estimate to be approved. If it is less than \$500, the group gives permission to proceed before cold weather sets in.

-The doorknob on the bathroom door is missing a screw. Gary Seiner talked about his failed efforts to fix it so Tim will look at it.

-Gary Seiner reports that the refrigerator runs all the time and doesn't shut off. The other day, it seemed too hot which is a possible safety issue. It was turned off. The coils could be dusty but they haven't been vacuumed yet. A new thermostat may be the best solution after seeing what can be done first. The fridge is nice to have access to so fixing is needed.

New Business:

-Someone needs to replace Tim Arseneau's Treasurer position. Laurel Soper has not yet reached out. Laurel is asked to act as a nomination committee spokesperson. The nominee will be there in December. Two board members are up for re-election. Tim Arseneau stated that he will be here for help with the new treasurer.

-Dr. Paul reported that the house has a better smell partially due to the Bed, Bath and Beyond tool to purify air.

-Tim Arseneau brought up the sump pump rebuild and new air purifier. UV light tool would kill mildew and is fairly inexpensive. Tim Arseneau believes that this action was approved a while ago and will refer to previous minutes.

-Ken Ponton mentioned air filters and asked about a carbon monoxide detector. We don't have to have one because of residence status. Ken Ponton made a motion to get one. Daron Kinsinger seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Ken Ponton will purchase one and be reimbursed.

Old Business:

-Dr. Paul said we lost another French-Canadian interviewee: Cleve Dyon at the age of 102.

-Wal Schuller discussed the invite mailing list of people of French heritage. She will update list given to her by the Village and work through it to make sure it's correct. She will eradicate repeats and return the list to Dr. Paul.

-Jim Beedle has the millstone for us. Laurel Soper will call him to verify. Daron Kinsinger said it would be nice in the day-lily area. Ken Ponton said that something would be good beneath it so it is elevated just a bit to make it easier to move and prevent the chances of it freezing. 4x4's of treated lumber would work.

-Spirit of St. Rose's fundraiser was discussed. Mimi Raich reported the wonderful cash bash fundraiser there. It will be November 2nd at 1pm. There will be a buffet dinner, open bar, music, games, and fun.

Adjournment:

-Ken Ponton made motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Wal Schuller seconded. All were in favor.