

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President James Paul called the meeting to order at 7pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: James Paul, John Hassett, Marcia Rabideau, Gary Seiner, Ken and Judy Ponton, Laurel Soper, Daron Kinzinger, Sandi Sandeno, Scott Renville, Roberta Renville

PRESENTATION: Jim Paul introduced the Kankakee Community College Lifelong Learning Fall 2019 Class- Leaders in Local History. Dr. James Paul, will present memories of Thomas Durham and Noel LeVasseur. John Hassett . will present Native American information. Phil Angelo will present Kankakee in World War II and Presidential Visits. Dates: Friday 9-11:30 Sept 13- Nov 22.

Location: KCC Room D123 Cost: \$49

MINUTES: A correction to the minutes made by Jim Paul that the Date should be August 1, 2019. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ken Ponton and second by Laurel Soper. Minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: John Hassett reported the Insurance for the Annual Association and the Letourneau House was \$1088.

A spreadsheet for future treasurer reports will show separate accounts for the Log School House, the Windows and the General Funds.

Gary Seiner made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and it was 2nd by Sandi Sandeno. The Treasurers Report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new member Robert de Oliverira.

WAYS AND MEANS: 30 Walking Tour books were sold at the Voyageur Classic to KCC and Kankakee County Museum Gift Shop.

Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner- Sept 27. Jim Paul requested all officers to remain after the meeting to select this years Fleur-de-Lis Award of Excellence.

The Attorney has said that the Vote by members of BGHS for the % of the F. Cooper Wertz Bequest was proper. A written report is to be given. Of the \$47,480.00 \$18,224.72 will go to the Restoration of the Log School House and \$20,159.28 to the BGHS General Fund.

Chaperones for Open House are Sandi Sandeno Oct 6, Laurel Soper Nov 3 and Gary Seiner Dec 1.

CURATORS REPORT: Laurel Soper reported the discovery of a Sacred Heart Print donated by Mrs. J.J. Rondy to be the great niece of Noel La Vasseur and the granddaughter of George Letourneau's maternal grandparents/

Marcia Rabideau reported that Maletta has been working on collecting history of the Friendship Festival and has not been able complete the Report of Procedures for Acquisition of Items. At this time, we have not received a response to our email concerning the purchase of the Printer. With lack of communication and direction we are unable to move forward with our work of

preserving historical items relevant to BGHS making room for new items. Dr. Paul suggested a joint proposal of the Curator job be presented for the next meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: The Boardwalk was inspected by Ken Ponton (the previous builder) and judged to be in need of replacement up to the ramp.

John Hassett made a motion to have 3 estimates submitted to the organization. Marcia Rabideau 2nd the motions. Daron Kinzenger suggested removal be included in the estimate. The motion was approved. Daron, Laurel and Marcia will get estimates.

Camp MOSH completed 62 projects this summer and included BGHS in the newspaper article. A Thank You note has been sent.

Work Session in the Garden will be Sept 21 from 8-10. Alex Salazar will be clearing weeds from the east side of the House.

Sandi Sandeno took pictures of the farm implements in the yard and researched each. She suggested each should have a sign. Marcia offered to have a booklet made including information of Adrien Richard, the plants in the garden and the farm implements. A motion was made by Ken and 2nd by Sandi. it was approved.

Sandi, also, suggested the need for the front porch and door to be cleaned and repainted.

NEW BUSINESS: Museums at the Crossroads Nov 18-19.

OLD BUSINESS: The Association for the Preservation of St Rose will hold a Cash Bash at the KofC Nov 1.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ken and 2nd by Laurel. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Rabideau