

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—October 3, 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, Gary Seiner, Ken and Judy Ponton, Laurel Soper, Daron Kinzinger, Sandi Sandeno, Scott Renville, Roberta Renville, Connie Sullivan, Bonnie Bergeron, Norma Meier, Mimi Raiche, Charles Balesi, Wal Schuller, and Mary Ann Lambert.

**PRESENTATION:** Charles Balesi introduced the concept of a Letourneau Home/Museum and Log Schoolhouse Museum Campus. He raised the possibility of a restored prairie along the creek and enhancing the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve with other attractive qualities.

**MINUTES:** A motion to approve the September 5 minutes was made by Laurel Soper and second by John Hassett. Minutes were approved.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** John Hassett provided a spreadsheet that showed separate accounts for the Log School House, the Windows and the General Funds. Bonnie Bergeron made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and it was 2nd by Gary Seiner. The Treasurers Report was approved.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Bonnie mentioned that we have 166 members, but she needed to clean up the list.

**WAYS AND MEANS:** The craft show was emphasized. Chaperones for upcoming Open Houses are Sandi Sandeno Oct 6, Laurel Soper Nov 3 and Gary Seiner Dec 1. Jim appealed to the membership to consider joining the Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee.

**CURATORS REPORT:** Laurel Soper presented the BGHS collection/curation practices recommendations (attached). Part of her presentation included a site visit with recommendations from Patricia Miller, CEO of Illinois Heritage Association. The BGHS will need to join the association for \$45 per year and pay Mrs. Miller's mileage. Ken Ponton made a motion to that effect and Daron Kinzinger seconded the motion. Motion carried. Laurel also recommended that the BGHS attend the State Line Small Museum Conference in the spring with at least two members attending. Laurel then made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Mary Ann Lambert. Motion carried.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** Daron and Laurel have provided estimates for repairing the boardwalk, and Marcia is still trying to get an estimate. Jim has scheduled a fall clean up work session in the gardens for Saturday November 2 from 9-11 am. Alex Salazar and assistant have cleaned gardens on the east side of the house for \$300. Sandi Sandeno pictures of the farm implements in the yard have been artistically drawn by Gary Seiner, and Marcia offered to include the drawings and descriptions in a booklet including information about the plants in the garden and the farm implements.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim read the letter from attorney Glen Barmann.

OLD BUSINESS: The Association for the Preservation of St Rose will hold a Cash Bash at the KofC Nov 1. Jim asked again if anyone would be willing to pursue a designated fund with the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley to fund maintenance on the Letourneau Home/Museum. No one offered to help.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Paul