

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—November 7, 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 Ponton, Laurel Soper, Daron Kinzinger, Sandi Sandeno, Roberta Renville, Norma Meier, Mimi Raiche, and Ellen Stringer.

PRESENTATION: Laurel explained the Quebec Province Savoie family's delight at their recent visit to the Letourneau Home/Museum.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the October 3, 2019 minutes was made by John Hassett and second by Laurel Soper. Minutes were approved.

TREASURERS REPORT: John provided a spreadsheet that showed separate accounts and balances for the Log School House (\$33,322.55), the Windows (\$260.91), and the General Funds (\$29,760.53). Jim thanked the auditors Steve Monts and Larry Rabideau for submitting their audit of the 2018 books. Jim requested that the *Fleur-de-Lis* Award plaques of 2017 and 2018 be transferred into the log schoolhouse account because they were subtracted as expenses from that account in 2017 and 2018. Laurel Soper made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Norma Meier. Motion carried. Gary Seiner made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report and it was 2nd by Norma Meier. Motion carried.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE—no one volunteered, Jim agreed to call Diane Pool to see if she is willing to join and become secretary.

MEMBERSHIP: no report.

WAYS AND MEANS: Ellen Stringer gave an update on the craft show on December 7. There will be 91 craft booths. The BGHS table at the show will be hosted by: Jim and John from 9-11am, Laurel from 11am-1pm, and Gary from 1-3pm. The Christmas Open House will be discussed at the December meeting. Jim mentioned that Fanny May is interested in joining with us for the Chocolate Tour. We already are in contact with Sweet Connections.

CURATORS REPORT: Laurel presented the report of Patricia Miller, CEO of Illinois Heritage Association. A committee of Malette Trudeau-Stevenson, Laurel Soper, Marcia Rabideau, Mary Ann Lambert, and Roberta Renville will review the various collections management software and make a recommendation for purchase next spring.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Daron Kinzinger will ask all three contractors who have submitted estimates for the boardwalk repair to use equal criteria. He will then ask the board to approve one of the estimates. Jim said that a new garden hose will be needed in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim stated that the current log schoolhouse account is up to \$43,796.38 in donations and pledges. He also delivered our attorney's letter to the mayor. The village attorney will get back to us. Jim also mentioned that there is over \$1200 in the KCC French-Canadian Heritage Fund. He requested that KCC use the money to support the ongoing website for the French-Canadian Interview Project, print and distribute new rack cards, and insure that the QR

codes work properly on the French-Canadian Heritage Wall. Norma publicized the nativity displays at the French Heritage Museum.

OLD BUSINESS: none

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Paul