

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—June 4, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: James Paul, John Hassett, Laurel Soper, , Bonnie Bergeron, Ellen Stringer, Marcia Rabideau, Mary Ann Lambert, Judy Ponton, and Ken Ponton.

PRESENTATION: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 7, 2020 minutes were approved. The motion was made by Ken and seconded by Marcia.

TREASURERS REPORT: John provided a summary of the BGHS accounts: general account balance of \$28,682.34; [CD--\$6510.77—new balance not stated, this amount is from last meeting]; Log Schoolhouse account--\$36,486.32; and Windows account--\$295.94. John said that \$230 had come in for membership renewals, \$640 paid for brush and weed removal, \$118.50 paid for annual post office box renewal, and \$107.50 for membership reminder postcard stamps. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills by Laurel and seconded by Bonnie. The treasurer's report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie said that to date, there are 168 names on the membership list, 61 are lifetime members, 107 are hopefully going to continue their membership, 35 have paid their annual dues, and 72 have not paid.

WAYS AND MEANS: With the pandemic ongoing, As a motion, Ellen recommended that the July 4 *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair be canceled. Ken seconded the motion. Motion carried. John said that the Kankakee County Fairgrounds will apply the July 4 rental fee of \$1200 to a future show. Regarding the *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner on September 18, a decision will be made at the July 2 membership meeting. The possibility of creating a virtual tour of the Letourneau Home/Museum was discussed. Laurel and Marcia will locate the Vic Johnson audio tour narration and then other volunteers will correlate photographs with the audio tour in a power point that can be put on the BGHS website. Ken announced the recent deaths of two friends of the BGHS: Father George Auger and Grover Baker.

CURATORS REPORT: None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Daron will contact the contractor who will complete the boardwalk work. The upstairs painting has been completed and now the outside front porch will be done to complete the job. Jim mentioned that Alex S. had cleared the vegetation out in the Hessi Cotoneaster Garden on the east side of the home/museum, and groomed the perimeter of the home/museum for \$320 (16 hours at \$20/hour). The members agreed that Jim should ask Alex to do the same amount of work for the same amount of money this month: clearing area in front of Letourneau sign, removing grass and weeds from daylily gardens, and pruning dead branches from the pin oak tree next to the daylily garden. Bonnie made the same motion, and it was seconded by Mary Ann. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Paul