

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—July 2, 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, Marcia Rabideau, Judy Ponton, Ken Ponton, Charles Balesi, and Wal Schuler,

PRESENTATION: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 4, 2020 minutes were approved. The motion was made by Charles and seconded by Ken.

TREASURERS REPORT: John provided a summary of the BGHS accounts: general account balance of \$26,427.68; CD--\$6510.77; Log Schoolhouse account--\$36,486.91; and Windows account--\$300.94. John said that \$660 had come in for membership renewals and craft show entries; \$440 was returned to craft show vendors and the rest rolled over to the December craft show; \$320 paid for garden work; \$1390 paid for painting Letourneau Home/Museum interior upstairs and front porch; \$15 for charitable registration fee; \$107.50 for postage; \$80.26 for telephone and internet; \$300 for craft show insurance; \$87 for alarm service; and \$129.90 for a one year service agreement for Home Appliance (fall and spring furnace/air conditioner tune up). A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills by Bonne and seconded by Marcia. The treasurer's report was approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie said that to date, there are 168 names on the membership list, 60 are lifetime members (Fr. Auger who recently died, was a lifetime member), 107 are hopefully going to continue their membership, 46 have paid their annual dues, and 61 have not paid their annual dues.

WAYS AND MEANS: With the pandemic ongoing, Jim recommended (as a motion) that the September 18 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner be canceled. Charles seconded the motion. During the discussion before the motion was put to a vote, it was agreed to that the log schoolhouse restoration fundraising will continue as a “dinnerless” event, and that Jim will send out and email the fundraising letter along with the current log schoolhouse donors list. Motion carried. The next *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner will be on Friday September 17, 2021. Regarding the Letourneau Home/Museum open houses, Laurel made a motion that the open house be garden only. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried. The membership will revisit the home/museum open house issue at the August meeting. Jim is considering creating a virtual tour of the home/museum and gardens. He will review the 2016 DVD featuring Vic Johnson, Ken Ponton, and Daron Kinzinger.

CURATORS REPORT: None

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Daron will contact the contractor who will complete the boardwalk work, but the dead linden tree needs to be removed first. Ken said he would take a look at the dead tree tomorrow. The outside front porch has now been painted to complete the job. Jim mentioned that Alex S. will soon clear the area in front of Letourneau sign, remove grass and weeds from daylily gardens, and prune the dead branches from the pin oak tree next to

the daylily garden. The small refrigerator in the home/museum does not work. Gary Seiner told Jim that he thinks the fuse was blown in a recent storm or power surge. Jim requested that the members approve buying a new refrigerator, but after much discussion, the request was not supported.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be on August 6, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Paul