

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—October 1, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** President James Paul called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ATTENDANCE:** James Paul, Charles Balesi, Bonnie Bergeron, Daron Kinzinger, Mary Ann Lambert, Steve Monts, Ken and Judy Ponton, Marcia Rabideau, Wal Schuller, and Gary Seiner.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the September 3, 2020 minutes were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Ken and seconded by Mary Ann.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim (who paid the bills and made deposits since August 27 when John Hassett died) gave the treasurer's report. As of 9/28/20:

- 1) the general fund balance was \$24,284.94 (includes September deposit of \$74 for membership dues and book sale; August deposit by John Hassett of \$61 membership dues and donations; expenses of \$74.88 for new checks, \$97.77 for AT&T, \$180 B&C Yards Plus—mowing—for August and \$180 to B&C Yards Plus in September, and \$1061 for annual content property insurance);
- 2) the log schoolhouse account balance was \$39,808.19 (includes \$235.65 deposits by John Hassett in August and \$1260 deposits in August and September); and
- 3) the windows account balance is \$365.95 (includes September deposit of \$50).

Marcia moved that the treasurer's report be accepted and that we pay our bills. Bonnie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Bonnie stated that we have 156 members in the data base, 62 are life members, and 94 are annual members. However, 40 of the 98 have not paid their annual dues. Laurel and Mary Ann had called those who had not paid and had some success. Bonnie thanked them for volunteering to make the phone calls

**WAYS AND MEANS:** The home/museum open houses will remain suspended during the pandemic. Jim expressed gratitude to Daron for hosting this month's BGHS Zoom membership meeting. Ellen Stringer sent an email to Jim stating that she would send a list of vendors for the canceled December 5 craft show who either want a credit for a future show or a refund. The Kankakee Fairgrounds has transferred the BGHS paid rental to December 4, 2021.

**CURATORS REPORT:** None.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** The 9 cubic yards of mulch that Jim donated was spread by members and master gardeners in September. The gardens look beautiful. The members discussed the possibility of hiring an exterminator for the home/museum because of wasps and other pests. It was decided that three bids would be solicited. Regarding the boardwalk, Daron stated that he doesn't think Mr. Hemza is going to do the work. Charles asked for the bidding specifications so that he could solicit another contractor. Charles and Jim again recommended the 90 foot border of sumac and split rail fence on the west side of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve in order to hide the trash bins of the apartment duplex.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim made a motion to approve Steve Monts as the new BGHS treasurer. Daron seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim made a motion to continue himself, Gary

Seiner as signers of BGHS checks, to add Steve Monts as signer of BGHS checks, and to remove John Hassett as a signer of checks. Charles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Jim Paul and Board Chair Daron Kinzinger make the following joint motion:  
“In order to facilitate the continued development of BGHS acquisitions and accessioning, a Collections Committee is to be created and chaired by the membership’s executive vice-president.

The purpose of the Collections Committee will be to:

- 1) Recommend to the Board of Trustees an ‘Accession Policy" and a "Deaccession Policy’ for by-laws incorporation approval after a regular membership meeting discussion;
- 2) Recommend a collections management software program to the Board of Trustees after a regular membership meeting discussion; and
- 3). Ensure that the forms and procedures established by the newly approved collections management program are added to the ‘Assessments by Location Inventory Report Spreadsheet’ (updated 12/4/19).”

The motion was seconded by Bonnie. Motion carried.

Charles updated the membership on his recent presentation in Ste. Genevieve about the continuing progress (from concept to historical and cultural reality) of the Colonial French Heritage Corridor from Missouri to Illinois to Wisconsin and Michigan.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next meeting will be on November 5, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Paul