

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—November 5, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE: Steve Monts, Daron Kinzinger, James Paul, Ken and Judy Ponton, Marcia Rabideau, Gary Seiner, Laurel Soper., and Ellen Stringer.

PRESENTATION: None.

MINUTES: The minutes of the October 1, 2020 minutes were approved as corrected. The motion was made by Marsha and seconded by Ken.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve stated that after bills were paid, there is \$24,055.56 in the general account, but after 10 vendors' December 2020 craft show \$55-each rentals are returned to them (\$550 total), the general account will be reduced to \$23,505.56; with additional donations, there is \$40,975.83 in the log schoolhouse restoration account; and there is \$365.95 in the windows account. Jim asked about Patricia MacDonald's \$45.75 payment in Pay Pal. He was told that the payment from her was for books. Jim mentioned that Midland States Bank (where all BGHS accounts are located) wanted a copy of the federal tax ID certificate for their records, but in its absence (to date, it is nowhere to be found, even at the attorney's office) the bank will allow Steve Monts to sign a W-9 form. The bank will also honor all checks signed by Steve even though the signature forms are still being processed. A motion was made to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

WAYS AND MEANS: Jim thanked Ken for giving a Letourneau Home/Museum tour on October 27 to two ladies who thought they were related to George R. Letourneau. They discovered they were not related to our George Letourneau. Jim mentioned that the dinnerless *Fleur-de-Lis* celebration now has 42 attending. He asked that members attending send him French-Canadian food choices so that he can share in future email news letters (aka news eletters). Laurel and Jim introduced soon-to-be publically announced BGHS website additional links related to Potawatomi Peril webinar, BGHS News Eletters, and BGHS membership meeting minutes. There was consensus that these will all be valuable additions to the website.

CURATORS REPORT: None.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: Jim said that he and Gary suggest the society get pest control bids early next year due to all the mice, hornets, and yellow jackets that are moving into the Letourneau Home/Museum. Two bids will be solicited from Orkin and Joe's Best Solutions (815 614-0235). Ken mentioned that he fixed some of the broken wood on the grape arbor. Jim said that Home Furniture, Plumbing, and Heating will tune up the furnace tomorrow and replace the filter and batteries in the thermostat. Jim showed the copper plant tags that Marsha created. He will purchase indelible ink pens to print names of plants on the tags. Gary brought to our attention the ceiling plaster damage due to a leak around the southern chimney. Jim recommended that someone on the board solicit bids to repair the flashing around that chimney.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim mentioned that the Village of Bourbonnais will auction several "newly found" honorary Bears street signs to benefit the restoration of the log schoolhouse. Daron said

there will be a board meeting soon. There was discussion about auctioning several items in the attic at the July 4, 2021 craft fair.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm after Ken moved and Laurel seconded the motion to do so. The next meeting will be on December 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Paul