

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—January 7, 2021

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

ATTENDANCE: In addition to Jim Paul, Bonnie Bergeron, Charles Bales, Daron Kinzinger, Mary Ann Lambert, Steve Monts, Ken and Judy Ponton, Marcia Rabideau, Gary Seiner, Laurel Soper, and Wal Schuler attended.

PRESENTATION: None.

MINUTES: The minutes of the December 3, 2020 minutes were approved. The motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Bonnie.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve stated that after bills were paid, there is \$22,979.26 in the general account; \$55,822.02 in the log schoolhouse restoration account; and \$385.96 in the windows account. Jim thanked Steve for his diligent auditing of the financial records since he became treasurer. Jim stated that the Community Foundation of the Kankakee River Valley has a check box for the 3% processing fee (to cover the Pay Pal fee for each dues or donation payment) on their “Donate” web page. He will ask the membership at the next meeting to vote on this issue. A motion was made to pay the bills and accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Since the Letourneau Home/Museum has been closed for nearly a year due to the pandemic, Jim asked the members to consider waiving membership dues for 2021. He will ask for a vote at the next meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS: Jim asked for a volunteer to contact Nicole Smolkovich of the Community Foundation of the Kankakee River Valley (815 939-1611) in order to set up the BGHS as a “Designated Fund” on their website “Donate” page. No one responded. He said that he will keep asking at every meeting until a volunteer steps forward.

CURATORS REPORT: None.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The membership addressed the bylaw proposed amendments submitted by Marcia. Regarding the bylaws, Article IX of the bylaws states that the “board of directors and officers may amend these bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular meeting, after such amendment has been deliberated upon and recorded in the minutes of any regular meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall accompany notice of the meeting prior to the meeting at which a vote shall be taken.” The proposed changes and additions are in blue below. The News Eletter before the January 7, 2021 meeting served as notice of the proposed amendments which were addressed at the January 7 meeting. During the meeting the proposals were amended as follows so that they can then voted on at the February 4 meeting. The board of directors and officers will then ratify the membership approved bylaws.

After discussion at the meeting, the proposed bylaws changes and additions are as follows:
[Section 3.2 Dues.](#) (Change to read as below.)

Dues are paid upon joining or by July of each calendar year. Dues paid after July 1 shall be deemed paid through the next calendar year. Annual dues are as follows [commencing January 1, 2021]:

Senior (over 60) and Full-time Student - \$10

Individual - \$20

Family - \$30

Business - \$50

Business lifetime memberships are \$500

Individual lifetime memberships are \$300

Section 5.2 Board of Directors Number and Term (Change to read as below.)

The board of directors of the corporation shall be a minimum of three (3) persons and a maximum of seven (7). All directors shall be appointed by a term of two (2) years commencing with the first regular meeting following their appointment, commencing in 2008. (This bylaw was proposed in 2007. The ratification will confirm the bylaw.)

Section 6.3.3 Executive Vice-President. (Change to read as below.)

The Executive Vice-President shall be responsible for coordinating and supervising special projects, including chairperson of the Collections Committee.

(To be added.)

Section 6.4.6 Collections Committee. The purpose of the Collections Committee is to:

1. Create and submit a collections management policy to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. Recommend a collections management system (software and hardware) purchase to the Board for approval.
3. Ensure that the collections management system is properly installed and existing inventory data from the "Accessions by Location" spreadsheet (updated 12/4/19) is imported to its database.
4. Advise the Board of Directors on requirements to maintain the collections management system and implement procedures to support the collections management policy.

Article VII. Meetings of the Board of Directors, Section 7.1 Meetings (Change to read as below.)

A meeting (1) of the board of directors shall be held a minimum of one (1) time per year. (This bylaw was proposed in 2007. The ratification will confirm the bylaw.)

OLD BUSINESS: Laurel is investigating options on Go Daddy (which hosts our website) to see what will best fit our needs for enhancing the website with more information. She will make a suggestion at the next meeting.

Jim thanked Marcia for submitting to bylaw amendment proposals and Laurel for hosting the Zoom meeting. Marcia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul