

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—May 6, 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, Charles Balesi, Bonnie Bergeron, Daron Kinzinger, Mary Ann Lambert, Steve Monts, Ken and Judy Ponton, Marcia Rabideau, Wal Schuler, Gary Seiner, Laurel Soper, and Ellen Stringer attended.

PRESENTATION: None.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 1, 2021 minutes were approved. The motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Ken.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve stated the bank balances as of May 1, 2021: general account \$18,499.08; log schoolhouse account \$58,077.48; windows account \$405.97; and CD \$6527.13. Steve mentioned that a \$3500 deposit has been made to Zeedyk Remodeling to replace the boardwalk. The total price is \$7000, so another \$3500 will be paid upon completion. Since the log schoolhouse has not been restored yet, \$380 (for the log schoolhouse extension) was removed by the contractor from the original bid of \$7380. Laurel has donated \$60.54 to the BGHS for the Vista Printing charge for 2021 membership forms. The membership thanked Laurel. Bonnie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie Bergeron said there is no change in our 158 members with 62 as lifetime members. July 1 is membership due day. She and Laurel meet to clean up the database and will send out the 2021 membership forms.

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Ellen said that the upcoming July 4 *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair has 33 booths to be set up 10 feet apart. She will request a donation from the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Appropriations Committee. The membership will request volunteers to attend the BGHS table at the fair.
- Daron volunteered to meet with Nicole Smolkovich of the Community Foundation of the Kankakee River Valley in order to learn more information about how to set up the BGHS as a "Designated Fund" on their website "Donate" page. She recommended that an endowment be created as a "pass through fund". Gary has left a folder on the Letourneau Home/Museum front table for Daron's use.
- Ken and Steve volunteered to attend the Zoom meeting at noon on May 20 to receive the \$6000 grant to the BGHS (for architecture design of the restored log schoolhouse) from the Community Foundation of Kankakee River Valley.
- Jim sent a thank you letter to the Network for Good for their donation check of \$110. from the "Network for Good". The donation was deposited into the general account.
- Daron suggested the formation of an advisory committee of community members. He suggested that such a committee could advise the board on such issues as grounds/maintenance, program related issues/school groups, and fundraising.
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- Jim and Laurel will prepare a press release about the revamped BGHS website. The membership applauded Laurel on creating such a professional and attractive website that is easy to navigate.
- With the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions, Jim will confirm the Friday September 17th date with the Kankakee Country Club for the next *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- Rid All Pest Solutions has treated the Letourneau Home/Museum for the first time;
- Paul Zeedyk of Zeedyk Remodeling is replacing the boardwalk;
- The Saturday May 15 garden work session from 9-11 am was discussed;
- John and Marg Flynn of Camp MOSH will visit the Letourneau Home/Museum on May 15 to organize the youths' work in July;
- Gary will follow up with contacting the person who maintains cedar shake shingle roofs;
- Gary will use the old flags if in good condition; if not, he will purchase two new flags; and
- Ken has confirmed that the village will stop the neighbor's sump pump discharge onto the preserve.

CURATORS REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: The membership agreed that the next meeting on June 3 will be via Zoom, but the July 1 meeting will be in-person (and Zoom) at the Letourneau Home/Museum.

OLD BUSINESS: Marcia presented the Bylaws and Accession Policy. It was amended as attached. Ken moved to accept the changes and Charles seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marcia then presented the BGHS Artifacts IN Coming Loan and Outgoing Loan Record forms. Bonnie moved to accept the changes and Daron seconded the motion.

After motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul