

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—July 7, 2022 (action items are in red)

CALL TO ORDER: President Jim Paul called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He hosted, presided over the meeting, and took minutes. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE: In addition to Jim Paul, Bonnie Bergeron, Daron Kinzinger, Steve Monts, Judy and Ken Ponton, Marcia Rabideau, and Gary Seiner attended.

PRESENTATION: The membership then discussed “Can you identify these local historical persons?”—from the June/July 2022 issue of BGHS News eletter). After several minutes of discussion among the members, Daron identified Father Thomas Roy as the individual in question.

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 9, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of June: general account \$21,610.59; log schoolhouse account \$64,600.23; and windows account \$471.04. The former CD (\$6,534.23) is part of the general account. After Steve detailed the main bills that were paid, Marcia made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills and it was seconded by Ken. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Ken thanked Marcia for the items she donated to the museum. **Marcia said she will put the many donated framed photographs and newspaper clippings in a big plastic container. She also volunteered to assist in sorting and organizing all the recently donated items to the museum and the log schoolhouse.** Regarding the washing machine in the kitchen, Ken made a motion that it be de-accessioned. Marcia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP: Bonnie stated that there are currently 90 paid members. **She will give a full report next month.**

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Daron has asked Nicole Smoklovich to attend our next meeting to explain the CFKRV Pass Through Fund in which the BGHS has recently invested \$6,534.
- Ellen Stringer could not attend the meeting this evening, but she was very pleased with the latest craft fair. She sent her report to Jim which he read. **Jim will detail the net funds raised by the July 4th Les Artisans Arts and Craft Fair in the next news eletter.**

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Bonnie raised concern about the gap between the top stone step and the porch of the Letourneau Home/Museum. **Ken volunteered to investigate.**
- **Laurel will put the garden information from Gary and Marcia on the website in the near future.**

- Ken expressed concern that the shrubbery around the Letourneau Home/Museum is rubbing against the siding, and may cause problems if not pruned. **Daron volunteer to ask Alex Salazar for a bit to prune them.** Some members suggested removing all the shrubs, but that was resisted by others.
- **The log schoolhouse card on the museum door needs to be replaced.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Ellen still plans to interview her Mom, Dad, and Aunt for the MBVM 175th anniversary history of the parish.**
- Jim again solicited volunteer tour guides for Sunday August 21 MBVM 175th Anniversary celebration. He has written the tour narrative.
- **Daron will edit the bylaws drafted by Jim. The draft provides language for restructuring of the BGHS.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- The members decided that the next BGHS membership meeting will be Zoom only at 7:00 pm on August 4, 2022.
- Since the log schoolhouse reconstruction will not resume until August 15, Jim requested that the Fleur-de-Lis Celebration Dinner be postponed from September 16 to a date in November. Before the evening celebration dinner, the inauguration of the log schoolhouse could take place that afternoon on site. The festivities could then continue at the Kankakee Country Club. Jim tentatively suggested Friday November 18. Everyone concurred with this suggestion. **Jim will see if that date is agreeable with the mayor and village assistant administrator.**
- The following members volunteered to chaperone the Letourneau Home/Museum open house on
 - July 17—Ken
 - August 7—Judy Smead
 - August 21—Bonnie

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm with a motion made by Marcia and seconded by Bonnie. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul