

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—December 1, 2022 (action items are in red)

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jim Paul called the in-person and 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, Charles Bales, Daron Kinzinger, Christine and Max Michels, Steve Monts, Doris O'Connor, Wal Schuller, Gary Seiner, Ellen Stringer, and guests Levi and Bob Lawson attended in-person; Josue Savoie, Jean Legris-Pekoc, Roy Pekoc, and Ken Ponton attended via Zoom. The Pekoc's nephew Douglas Harvey Legris also attended via Zoom.

**PRESENTATION:** The membership then discussed "Who am I?"—from the November/December 2022 issue of BGHS News eletter). Max answered the person's identity: Levi Jenks.

Levi Lawson then made a presentation about his wish to build a French inspired wood gazebo to cover a bench in the Letourneau Home/Museum back garden. This project will be part of his Explorer Scout initiation project. He will bring a detailed summary of the project to the membership this upcoming spring. Gary made a motion to accept Levi's proposal, and the motion was seconded by Charles. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Charles and seconded by Max. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of October: general account \$19,585.16; log schoolhouse account \$39,877.50; windows account \$496.14; and CFKRV pass through investment \$6,523.23. Steve said that the Village of Bourbonnais has requested another \$30,000 from the log schoolhouse account, to be used for the reconstruction costs. He has requested that the board allocate this amount to the village. Daron made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills and it was seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:** Christine reviewed an email sent to the BGHS regarding donation of a 1900s desk. The membership agreed that this item not be accepted, and that Christine notify the donor. Such motion was made by Charles and seconded by Roy. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:** None.

**CURATOR'S REPORT:** This will be a new item on this and future meeting agendas because Gary has volunteered to serve as curator, and Mary Ann Lambert has volunteered to serve as assistant curator. Ken made a motion to approve Gary and Mary Ann's service in these BGHS positions. The motion was seconded by Jean, and the motion carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** None. Bonnie wrote that the membership numbers were the same as last month.

#### WAYS AND MEANS:

- Jim gave a recap of the Tuesday November 15 log schoolhouse inauguration and *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner. He suggested two possible dates for the 2023 *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner: Friday September 15 or September 22. The membership was agreeable with either date. The date choice will be offered to the Log Schoolhouse Advisory Committee for final approval.
- Ellen gave an update on the December 3 craft show. She said that vendor fees will be raised to \$60 next year + \$3 for Pay Pal fee. Volunteers stepped forward to serve in two-hour shifts at the craft show from 9--11 (Jim and Steve), 11-1 (Christine and Max), and 1-3 (Jim, Doris, and Steve Liehr) at the BGHS table.

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Daron stated that due to the poor job of pruning the river birch tree by **Four Seasons, we should pay their bill but never use their service again;**
- We all thanked Gary for cleaning the stairs of the Letourneau Home/Museum and putting out the Christmas decorations;
- Jim distributed log schoolhouse keys to Gary, Ken, and Daron—Jim also has one;
- Ken recommended that someone cover the apple/wine press with green plastic—Gary agreed to do so; and
- **Daron mentioned some repairs are needed in the home/museum upstairs east side wall plaster.**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Daron stated that his editing of the bylaws (drafted by Jim) is not completed. The draft provides language for restructuring of the BGHS.**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to Jim's travel schedule, the next BGHS membership meeting will be in-person and Zoom at 7:00 pm on Thursday March 9, 2023.
- Officers and board members were re-elected at that meeting: nominees were Jim (president), Gary (vice-president), Ken (executive vice-president), **NO SECRETARY WAS NOMINATED**, Christine (corresponding secretary), Steve (treasurer), and board trustees up for re-election Charles and Carl. Max made the motion to approve the slate of nominees and Wal seconded the motion. Motion carried, and *ipso facto*, all nominees were elected.
- The membership agreed not to be part of the Chocolate Tour this upcoming February;
- The Illinois Heritage Association will dissolve at the end of the year. Patricia Miller has provided her email address. **Gary will correspond with her.**
- The Christmas Open House at the Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse on Sunday December 18 from 1-4 pm was discussed and planned.
- Jim read accolades about the log schoolhouse inauguration on November 15.
- The membership agreed to sponsor Dr. Jim Healy's portrayal of Louis Jolliet in the program "Solid Path through Water" by paying him \$100 on March 11. The performance is currently scheduled for 1 pm at the Bourbonnais Public Library. Daron made the motion and it was seconded by Max. Motion carried.

- The membership thanked Jean Legris-Pekoc and Dennis Shoup for their recent artifact donations.
- Max encouraged everyone to attend his talk about St. Nicklaus at the Kankakee County Museum at 3 pm on December 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul