

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—March 7, 2024 (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, Ken Ponton, and guest Bill Doran attending in person, Daron Kinzinger, Frank Koehler, Mary Ann Lambert, Christine and Max Michels, Steve Monts, Doris O'Connor, Josue Savoie, Gary Seiner, Ellen Stringer, and Penelope and Phil Stickney attended via Zoom.

PRESENTATION: Jim introduced Bill Doran who asked about the location of the grave sites at *La Petit* Canada. Daron answered correctly the names of Martha and David Perry as the “Who are we?” in the last news eletter.

MINUTES: The December 12, 2023, meeting minutes were approved. The motion was made by Mary Ann and seconded by Doris. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Steve provided the bank balances as of the end of February: general account \$20,588.71 which includes the Windows subaccount of \$576.37; and log schoolhouse account \$2540.84. Balance of the CFKRV pass through investment account on December 13, 2023 was \$7,268.48. A motion was made by Gary to accept the treasurer’s report and pay the bills. Motion was seconded by Ken and carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT: Christine reported on various individuals who have emailed the BGHS gmail regarding family history. Doris volunteered to answer these inquiries. Christine recommended that the Sign Up Genius volunteer sign up should be under “Members” on the BGHS website. This issue will be discussed further at the April 4, 2024 meeting.

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT COLLECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Ken stated he has encouraged State Representative Jackie Haas to propose a resolution in the state legislature to create a state History Day on June 15. The resolution is out of committee and up for a house vote.

CURATOR’S REPORT: Gary stated that he, Mary Ann, and Jim will soon review the artifacts donated by Carl Moran.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Doris will bring a report to the next meeting.

WAYS AND MEANS:

- Josue would like to update the BGHS website and will bring a proposal to the next meeting.
- Ellen stated that the July 4 and December 7 craft shows were about ½ full. She also asked a board member to sign the 2025 contracts for the fairgrounds exhibition hall. Jim volunteered to do so.

- Gary reiterated his suggestion for the design for the remnant log schoolhouse pieces to be used in fund raising. He recommended sanding the pieces so that splinters will not hurt anyone, and a paper wrap identifying the log pieces. The matter was tabled.
- Jim encouraged everyone to publicize the Sign Up Genius as a vehicle for open houses volunteering.

#### BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

- Jim read Levi Lawson’s email in which Levi stated that he is having trouble getting the necessary materials for the promised project. He may have to consider another project.
- Ken stated that he will help Gary with the kitchen dry sink issue.
- **Extra log schoolhouse keys need to be issued.**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Tabled: Daron and Jim met on September 21 to move this draft forward so that it can be presented to the membership in 2024. **Daron is retyping the agreed upon language so that it can be presented to the membership.**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Next meeting will be on Thursday April 4, 2024 in-person and via Zoom.
- Jim announced special BGHS dates remaining for 2024:
  - Tuesday March 19 at 7pm—Zoom meeting for the Perry Farm Living History Advisory Committee, Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83447279420?pwd=VjVaZUpYQ1lVWDkraGFvMXR6eGI0Zz09>, passcode 653298, meeting ID 83447279420;
  - Thursday April 4 at 7 pm—BGHS membership meeting;
  - Tuesday April 9 at 3:30 pm—Log Schoolhouse Advisory Committee meeting;
  - Thursday July 4 from 9am – 3pm—*Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair [Les Artisans Fair \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](http://LesArtisansFair(bourbonnaishistory.org))
  - Tuesday September 24 beginning at 5:30pm—*Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner [Fleur-de-Lis Celebration \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](http://Fleur-de-LisCelebration(bourbonnaishistory.org))
  - Saturday December 7 from 9am – 3 pm—*Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair [Les Artisans Fair \(bourbonnaishistory.org\)](http://LesArtisansFair(bourbonnaishistory.org))
- Several individuals have already expressed interest in volunteering as docents/interpreters for the log schoolhouse: Doris, Betty, Wayne Rybak, Jeanne Benson, Maureen Antignoli, Karen Duchene-Korup, Kristen Singer, Joyce Harris, and Trena Vanvleck.
- Chaperons needed for open houses of the Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse and craft show--  
 (At the Letourneau Home/Museum, Ken Lewellen has volunteered for 4/7 and 5/6; Priscilla Dwyer has volunteered for 7/21)--Letourneau Home/Museum open house volunteer chaperon “sign up” link: [Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society: Chaperoning Letourneau Home/Museum Open House--Meet and Greet, Hand Out Self-Guided Tours, Oversee Artifacts \(signupgenius.com\)](http://BourbonnaisGroveHistoricalSociety:ChaperoningLetourneauHome/MuseumOpenHouse--MeetandGreet,HandOutSelf-GuidedTours,OverseeArtifacts(signupgenius.com)).  
 (At the Log Schoolhouse, Doris O’Connor has volunteered for 3/17; Cindy McBarnes has volunteered for 4/7)—Log Schoolhouse volunteer chaperon “sign up” link: [Bourbonnais](http://Bourbonnais)

[Grove Historical Society: Chaperoning Log Schoolhouse Open House--Meet and Greet, Hand Out Self-Guided Tours, Oversee Artifacts \(signupgenius.com\).](#)

- Ken volunteered to open the Letourneau Home/Museum and log schoolhouse on March 17; Gary volunteered to close the sites on that date.
- The Bradley Historical Society is trying to revive itself.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm. Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul