

## Minutes of April 24, 2009 Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul at 5:15 pm. Trustees Gary Seiner and Daron Kinzinger were in attendance. Jim explained how the Kankakee Kultivators had just awarded a grant to the historical society for \$500 to create a Kitchen Garden. Jim suggested Saturday May 23 from 8-10 am as the date and time to solicit master gardeners and volunteers to work. Daron proposed a grant program for local teachers which would include a stipend. The grant is through the History Channel up to a maximum of \$10,000. The Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society will not be responsible for the grant. The grant proposal deadline to the Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society will be May 29, 2009. The BGHS will review all applications before submitting to the History Channel. ***Gary made a motion to proceed with informing the local teachers of this grant. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*** Gary suggested that we use the back door of the Letourneau Home with the wheel chair ramp. Gary also reviewed possibilities for a dry sink in the kitchen. He will help build the dry sink if necessary. We reviewed the old business that to date has not been resolved by the BGHS:

- Future plans for the Letourneau Home and Preserve which will include a gazebo—a committee may need to be formed to address this matter;
- The outhouse needs a lock;
- The pump needs to be painted red;
- A glass top needs to be placed on the radiator with documentation about the family who donated it;
- A large map of Bourbonnais with historical sites indicated (Gary will draw them in) will be placed on the wall where the two oval pictures are now—the pictures will be put on another wall;
- A recorded introduction to the Letourneau Home and grounds with a room-by-room description should be created so that patrons may use a hand-held audio device as they tour the home; and
- A brief volunteer training session should be developed for new Letourneau Home docents.

The next meeting will be in October 2009. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

Submitted by Board Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul