

Minutes of November 5, 2009 Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul at 5:35 pm. Trustees Gary Seiner and Daron Kinzinger were in attendance. The minutes of the April 4, 2009 board meeting were read and approved. Under Old Business, Gary reiterated the desire 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 on the heritage preserve—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.

Under New Business, we expressed the desire that nominations be taken for all society offices. We were concerned about the massive vegetation around the outhouse. Gary expressed the need for curtains on the windows in the meeting room and the back door (see-through curtains). We all expressed concerns about the water leakage issue around the chimney and upper east window trim which has been damaged by squirrels. Daron suggested that funds be set aside for future use (maintenance, upkeep, interpretive programs, and so on)—like a retirement account. Daron also stated that he has worked to set up a grant program similar to the one he established last spring. We briefly discussed the Bourbonnais Historic Landmark Commission—Vic has the ordinance that created the commission. We unanimously voted to audit our books by an independent slate (according to our bylaws). The next meeting will be in April 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.

Submitted by Board Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul