

Minutes of November 5, 2010 Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul at 5:43 pm. Trustees Gary Seiner and Daron Kinzinger were in attendance. Under Old Business, we reviewed the Old Business that to date has or has not been resolved by the BGHS:

- Water leakage around the chimney has been a problem (**we think this leakage has been fixed—has it?**) as well as the upper east window trim which has been damaged by squirrels.
- Our books need to be audited by an independent slate (according to our bylaws).
- Future plans for the Letourneau Home and Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve which will include a gazebo on the heritage preserve—a committee may need to be formed to address this matter;
- There should be a dry sink in the kitchen--Gary will help build the dry sink if necessary, **but he needs a carpenter to help him;**
- Curtains should be placed on the windows in the meeting room (**this has been done**) and the back door (see- through curtains—**we still need the curtains on the back door**).
- 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—**we need a map, Gary will draw in the buildings;**
- 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—**Jim will create a two-page Self-Guided Tour of the Letourneau Home so that it is available for the June 17 Garden Walk as a “first step” in this tour experience, the audio tour should be done also, but later;** and
- A brief volunteer training session should be developed for new Letourneau Home docents—**maybe a volunteer sheet can be passed around at the annual dinner so that members can pick a Sunday during the year to “sit” the Letourneau Home; the volunteer training session and Self-Guided Tour should help promote this volunteerism.**

Under New Business, we expressed sentiments that the BGHS show gratitude to Ken for repairing the roof of the outhouse. Gary also reiterated that it would be nice to have a photograph of the family who donated the radiator. Regarding the upcoming June 17 Garden Walk, Daron expressed concern about the disrepair of some boards on the boardwalk. Jim mentioned that Ken said he would make those repairs. We would like to see that Ken has help in this project. Gary said that the pump handle was broken again. Should it be repaired and/or moved? Gary also said that on tours, he shows the inside of the outhouse, but there

are too many tools in it and the area under the seats is full of junk that needs to be cleaned out. A motion carried that the log sled should be loaned (with documentation) to the French Connection Exhibit at the Stone Barn. We also want the society to publicize that we encourage photographers to use the Letourneau Home and Gardens for graduation and wedding photographs. Daron mentioned that we might want to print Certificates of Appreciation for each Master Gardener that has helped improve the grounds over the past three years. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by Board Chairperson Dr. Jim Paul