

BOURBONNAIS GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING—May 8, 2025 (action items are in red)

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Jim Paul called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He hosted, presided over the meeting, and took minutes.

**ATTENDANCE:** In addition to Jim, Daron Kinzinger, Betty Leininger, Ken Lewellen, Mike Monahan, Steve Monts, Doris O'Connor, Jean Legris-Pekoc and Roy Pekoc, Ken Ponton, Josué Savoie, Gary Seiner, Penny and Phil Stickney attended.

**PRESENTATION:** Jim posed the “Who am I?” question from the BGHS News Eletters of April/May and May/June 2025. Daron provided the answer: Levi Jenks!

**MINUTES:** The April 3, 2025, meeting minutes were approved. Ken L. made the motion and Steve seconded it.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Steve stated that the end of April account statuses were: \$22,984.28--general account; \$4251.01--log schoolhouse account; and \$8501.28--KRVCF. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and pay the bills by Gary and seconded by Betty. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT:** none.

**CURATOR'S REPORT:** Gary has placed lamps in certain areas of the home/museum to help with lighting until an electrician can take care of the issues mentioned the last few meetings. Gary would like some wood blinds on certain windows to stop sun fade on artifacts.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** None.

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

- Josué has changed the gmail account so that has verification control. He and Daron continue to work on the landing page.
- Ellen gave an email report that the July 4 *Les Artisans* Arts and Craft Fair is 75% full and that the December 6 show is just shy of full.
- The membership discussed the creation of more log schoolhouse remnant pieces. Jim has asked Randy Papineau how much he will charge in cutting and sanding them.
- Daron organized the Culver's fundraiser on Tuesday May 6 from 5-8 pm.
- Gary agreed to chaperone the May 10 open house along with Ken L.
- Jim made a motion that the new BGHS slogan be “Our History Starts Here”. Ken L. seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Jim is creating an INaturalist identification of flora and fauna at the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. The public will be invited to use the identification program as they come to the museum campus, and a side product will be their enjoyment of two historical landmarks.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:**

- B&C Yards Plus (owner Pete Gryzlak) has prepared an estimate for future work on more tree/shrub removal/pruning, the the BGHS has not received it to date.

- Jim has scheduled garden work sessions for Saturdays from 9-11 am on May 10, 17, 24 and June 14.
- Jim asked if the members preferred herbicide dandelion and other weed control on the museum lawns, and the response was No.
- Jim will supervise pest control on both buildings tomorrow May 10.
- Jim will supervise HVAC tune ups in both buildings on June 9.
- Jim will contact Camp MOSH to clean the crawl space and weed the daylily beds in July.
- Gary requests that an electrician replace the florescent lamp in the Military Room upstairs. In the meantime, he has made temporary accommodations.
- Daron still plans to contact an electrician to repair the many lights in the home/museum.
- Daron will check out possible solar lights for a few places on the museum campus to provide more light at night.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Daron and Jim presented the restructuring of the BGHS bylaws draft with the first three Articles of the bylaws--which were attached to the April/May BGHS news eletter for the membership to review. Jim asked for a motion to approve the first three amendments with one exception: the removal of the membership card requirement. Ken P. made the motion and it was seconded by Betty. Motion carried.
- Tabled: Marker at Clancy Gernon Funeral Home parking lot for where the Letourneau Home once stood.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- The next membership meeting will be on **Thursday June 12, 2025 at 7 pm** and via Zoom only.
- Jesse Arseneau of Arseneau Media, Inc. will videotape the upcoming Saturday September 27 "Hooray Bourbonnais II/Deux".
- Daron will check into options for BGHS vendor table cloth for upcoming events. Ken L. made a motion to purchase this item and it was seconded by Ken P. Motion carried.
- Daron is finalizing the ordering of BGHS t-shirts.
- Jim announced the following special BGHS 2025 dates:
  - [Friday July 4 \*Les Artisans\* Arts and Craft Show from 9 am to 3 pm, https://bourbonnaishistory.org/les-artisans-fair](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/les-artisans-fair)
  - Camp MOSH--July 20-25--Amanda Fierce [afierce@mbvm.org](mailto:afierce@mbvm.org) 815-933-825x336
  - [August 1--nomination deadline for 2025 \*Fleur-de-Lis\* Award of Excellence, https://bourbonnaishistory.org/fleur-de-lis-celebration](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/fleur-de-lis-celebration)
  - [Saturday September 27 from 7-9 pm at the Grove--Bourbonnais sesquicentennial history pageant Hooray Bourbonnais II/Deux, https://bourbonnaishistory.org/french-heritage-weekend](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/french-heritage-weekend)
  - [Saturday-Sunday September 27-28, 2025--Bourbonnais sesquicentennial French Heritage Weekend, https://bourbonnaishistory.org/french-heritage-weekend](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/french-heritage-weekend)
  - [Thursday November 13, 2025--Eight Annual \*Fleur-de-Lis\* Celebration Dinner, https://bourbonnaishistory.org/fleur-de-lis-celebration --Price change \\$85/member, \\$95 non-member](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/fleur-de-lis-celebration)

- [Saturday December 6 \*Les Artisans\* Arts and Craft Show from 9 am to 3 pm,](https://bourbonnaishistory.org/les-artisans-fair)  
<https://bourbonnaishistory.org/les-artisans-fair> and
- [Saturday December 13--BGHS Christmas Open House from 1-4 pm.](#)

#### OTHER

- Daron and Jim will meet with Bourbonnais Public Library personnel on June 10 to discuss BGHS exhibit space etc.
- Doris continues planning the May 30 tour for the Widows Group from the College Church of the Nazarene.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Motion was made by Ken L. and seconded by Josué. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Paul