

St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2025
Aycock Barn, Arabi, La 70032

Call to order at 4:31 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Lisamarie Brandon, Lena Nunez and Jenifer H. Andes. Absent was Gary Huettmann and Jessica Reab.

Present from the Office of Tourism: Katie Tommaseo and Samantha Meyers.

We had a guest, Pat Pescay regarding the St. Bernard Catholic Church Fishing Rodeo asking for sponsorship for their fundraiser.

6. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

7. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to accept the Financial Report. Lisamarie, Lena Nunez and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea, no nays. Motion passed.

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report starting out with details about the 20-year Hurricane Katrina Anniversary Breakfast and Mass on August 29th. They are also doing the wreath laying at Shell Beach at 1pm that day. She spoke about sponsoring the wreaths for both Boat Blessings and the Seafood Market coming up on September 20.

9. The motion to sponsor Eco-Trip Adventure Series was tabled for more information.

10. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lena Nunez to purchase promotional shirts etc. for Tourist Commission members for working events for up to \$1000.00. Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to pay the fees for our three members to attend the Louisiana Travel Summit August 25-28 for a total of \$450.00. Lisamarie Brandon, Phyllis Diecidue and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor the St. Bernard Catholic Church Fishing Rodeo for \$2500.00. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to pay the Certified Folder bill for \$439.85 for the two new brochure racks for the Tourism office. Lisamarie Brandon, Phyllis Diecidue and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor the 20th Anniversary Hurricane Katrina Breakfast for up to \$500.00 which includes a table for the Tourist Commission for breakfast. Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

15. Next Meeting will be August 20 at the Aycock Barn at 4:30 p.m.

16. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair Phyllis Diecidue Date 8/20/25

Secretary Jenifer H. Andes Date 8/20/25