

**St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Frank M. Fernandez Jr. Isleño Building
1345 Bayou Rd. St. Bernard, La 70085**

Call to Order at 4:34 pm

Present from the Tourist Commission: Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Jenifer H. Andes.

Present from the Office of Tourism: Samantha Meyer and Katie Tommaseo

We had two guests: Tony Fernandez spoke about the Birding Festival and cleanup at the Historic ST. Bernard Cemetery.

Devin Cruise spoke about his production of a documentary about the Canary Islanders.

6. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to accept the minutes from last month's meeting. Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

7. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Gary Huettmann to accept the Financial Report. Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

8. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to reimburse mileage fees for the Lt. Governor's Tourism Summit. Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Gary Huettmann was omitted from the vote.

9. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report: She spoke about the upcoming Battle of New Orleans 2024 event in January. Also, there will be the Nunez College Lecture Series again. Katie also mentioned the approval of supplying refreshments for the New Orleans tour guide. She explained the website problems they have been having at the Tourism Office. They will be looking into getting a new website established.

10. The motion to sponsor American Express Shop Small was tabled.

11. The motion to sponsor the 2023 Professional Redfish League Tournaments was tabled.

12. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Gary Huettmann to add Phyllis Diecidue as an authorized signature to the St. Bernard Tourist Commission checking account. Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Dorothy Hills, to increase sponsorship for 2024 Birding Festival by an additional \$1500.00. Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed

14. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to sponsor the cleanup of the Historic St. Bernard Cemetery for an additional \$2500.00. Jessica Reab, Lena Nunez, Gary Huettmann, Claire Henderson and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the Los Isleños Documentary that Devin Cruise will produce for \$1000.00. Claire Henderson, Dorothy Hills, Jenifer H. Andes, Jessica Reab and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. The motion to purchase a flagpole for eastern St. Bernard was tabled.

17. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor Wreaths Across America for \$170.00. Dorothy Hills, Jessica Reab, Jenifer H. Andes, Claire Henderson and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to pay for the Where Y'AT Ad for \$1500.00. Gary Huettmann, Dorothy Hills, Claire Henderson, Lena Nunez and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to add:

18a. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to sponsor a table for the St. Bernard Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament for \$100.00. Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab, Jenifer H. Andes and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to add:


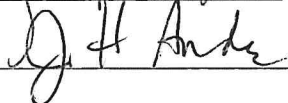
18b. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to pay for the printing of the Visitor's Guide for \$3475.00. Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez and Claire Henderson voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to add:

18c. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor a table at the St. Bernard Business and Professional Women's Man and Woman of the Year Gala. Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

19. Next Meeting will be Wednesday October 25 at 4:30pm at Nunez College.

20. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair  Date 10/25/23
Secretary  Date 10/25/23