

ST. BERNARD TOURIST COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

Present from the Office of Tourism: Samantha Meyer and Faith Moran. Katie Tommaseo absent.

Guests: Charles Jackson and Christine Tims

5. No public comments.

6. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jessica Reab. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

7. Treasurer Lena Nunez gave the financial report. Balance is \$93,206.00. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Claire Henderson to approve the financial report. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

8. Tourism Director was absent. Faith Moran stated the Inquiry Report was not done due to the Visitor Registry not being returned to the Visitors Center. It was at the Government Building because of the Battle of New Orleans events.

9. A motion to approve the Louisiana Outdoor Show was tabled.

10. Bayou Terre Aux Boeufs Project Funding was tabled.

11. A motion was not needed to pay the P. O. Box rent because this cost is already in the budget.

12. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor the Chalmette High School Baseball sign. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion to give \$2,500 to the Ill Parade was not needed. It was already voted on.

14. A motion to sponsor the Birding Festival was not needed as it is already in the budget.

15. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to pay the Graham Group for website re-design. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jessica Reab to pay LTA for membership dues. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

17. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Gary Huettmann to reimburse Jenifer Heintz for Battle of New Orleans supplies. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Jenifer Heintz abstained. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to reimburse Faith Moran for Visitor Center supplies. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

19. A motion to pay for the Battle of New Orleans shirts was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Dorothy Hills. The total cost of the Battle of New Orleans shirts was \$1,348.00. \$1,017.00 was taken in. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

20. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to purchase stamps. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

21. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Claire Henderson to spend up to \$55.00 on purchasing a "for deposit only" stamp for the Tourist Commission account. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

22. A motion was not necessary to sponsor the Coconut Island Bar at the Islenos Fiesta as this is already in the budget. The Fiesta is March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A sign-up sheet was started to sign up for times worked: Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

23. Cook-Off for the Coast is February 9, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Proceeds will go to 4-H and Nunez Community College. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Claire Henderson to pay \$250.00 to help sponsor the event. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis

Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

24. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Gary Huettmann to renew the present officers for one more year and that the 3 people on the Financial Committee remain on that committee. Officers are: Jenifer Heintz, Chairman; Phyllis Diecidue, Vice-Chair; Lena Nunez, Treasurer; Jessica Reab, secretary. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

25. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to extend the CEA for Faith Moran to March 2, 2019. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

26. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Gary Huettmann to add 26-A to the agenda. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

26-A. Lena Nunez headed up a discussion about hiring a bookkeeper to help do the books and manage the budget, keeping it up to date. She suggested Beryl Taylor who is well qualified for the job. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to hire Beryl Taylor to assist the Treasurer for a fee of \$100 per month. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

27. The next meeting of the Tourist Commission will be on February 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Visitors Center. Jessica Reab provided information on the Jackson Day race and Phyllis Diecidue thanked everyone for their help.

28. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to adjourn. Jenifer Heintz, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson, Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab, and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.