

ST. BERNARD TOURIST COMMISSION MEETING

July 17, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

4. Recognize Guests: Deborah Fagan, Wayne Babovich, Walt Pierce, Jeri Barker, Barry Keegan, Matt Anderson. Amber Prattini arrived at 5:15 pm.

5. The guests from the Louisiana Steam Train Association came to speak about the idea of bringing a steam train to St. Bernard. The route would be from the Ford Plant in Arabi to the Chalmette Battlefield. There are opportunities for children's rides, themed rides and historical rides if the steam train were to come to St. Bernard.

6. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to approve the minutes from the June 19th meeting. Jenifer Heintz, Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

7. Treasurer Lena Nunez gave out the budget analysis. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to accept the Financial Report. Jenifer Heintz, Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

8. Katie Tommaseo discussed the success of the USSSA World Series that took place at Val Riess with 53 teams. Phyllis Diecidue suggested getting cities and states where the teams are from in upcoming years. Katie Tommaseo brought up the idea of the Office of Tourism and the Tourist Commission partnering together for the St. Bernard Chamber magazine as they have in previous years. Charles Jackson will be adding a section for the Battle of New Orleans to the winter edition of the St. Bernard Magazine.

9. The Bayou Terre Aux Boeufs Project Funding was tabled.

10. The Redfish Pageant is in its first year, and they will coincide with the Redfish Fishing Series. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to use \$2500 from the Red Fish budget for the pageant. Jenifer Heintz, Phyllis Diecidue, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Gary Huettmann abstained. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to sponsor Christmas at the Complex for \$1000. Jenifer Heintz, Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. The Tourist Commission went into Executive Session at 5:22 pm. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to allow Samantha Meyer to sit in on the Executive Session.

13. The next meeting of the Tourist Commission has been changed due to several board members having a time conflict. The next meeting of the Tourist Commission will be on Wednesday August 14, 2019.

14. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Gary Huettmann to adjourn the meeting. Jenifer Heintz, Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.