

St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025
Aycock Barn (409 Aycock Street)

Call to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

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

There were no guests or public comments.

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

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

8. Katie Tommasseo presented the Director's Report regarding a few items. First, she mentioned that the Hotel/ Motel tax is down from last year and they are checking to see if any late payments coming from third party websites. And there were concerns about Mom-and-Pop Bed and Breakfasts not contributing. Next Katie spoke about the Tourism Website with the Graham Group needing update for next year.

9. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to amend the Marketing Plan. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Jessica Reab and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

10. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to pay for packaging for Historical Marker for \$129.99. Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Lena Nunez and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor up to \$1500 for potholders for the Film Louisiana events. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to pay \$150.00 to Kathy Nunez for the supplies for donation baskets she makes. Jessica Reab, Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor the Jackson Barracks Christmas Tour of homes for \$1000. Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab, Lena Nunez and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to sponsor Christmas at the Complex for \$500. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Lena Nunez and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Jessica Reab to sponsor the Los Islenos Museum Days for \$500. Phyllis Diecidue, Lisamarie Brandon and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Lena Nunez abstained from voting (President of Los Islenos) Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to sponsor the Los Islenos Christmas and Bonfire for \$500. Dorothy Hills, Jenifer H. Andes and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Lena Nunez abstained from voting. Motion passed.

17. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony for \$500. Jessica Reab, Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony for \$500. Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

19. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to pay the membership dues \$150 for the St. Bernard Chamber of Commerce. Phyllis Diecidue and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Both Lena Nunez and Jessica Reab abstained from voting because they are on the board. Motion passed.

20. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Jessica Reab to purchase a table at the BPW's Man and Woman of the Year Gala for \$650. Lena Nunez, Jenifer H. Andes, Phyllis Diecidue and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

21. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor FLAW's Heros Amongst Us Charity Gala for \$375. Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Lisamarie Brandon left, so not included in this vote or others to follow. Motion passed.

22. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor Wreaths Across America for \$170. Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea ; no nays. Motion passed.

23. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to reimburse \$114.07 for the Summit Meals. Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

24. The motion to sponsor the Friend of Tourism Award and Event was tabled for more information and nominations.

25. Next Meeting will be Wednesday, Oct 29 at the Aycok Barn at 4:30 p.m.

26. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Dorothy Hills to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair Phyllis Diecidue Date 10/29/25

Secretary Jenifer H. Andes Date 10/29/25