



St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting

January 17, 2023

Call to order 4:35 p.m.

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

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

Guest was Monty Montelongo with St. Bernard Ecotourism and Erin & Cliff Bigner with LA Crawfish Fest

Public Comment: Erin & Cliff Bigner thanked the Tourist Commission for their sponsorship of the Rose Parade

6. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to accept the minutes from last months meeting. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

7. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Dorothy Hills to accept the financial report. Phyllis Diecidue, Lena Nunez and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

8. Katie presented the Director's Report: She explained what the Office of Tourism is working on including the Biannual Report for the Tourism Revival Grant, CMP Report and Cultural District Report. She also said that the Tourist Commission was approved for an additional \$11,000 from the Tourism Revival Grant. Katie said she will present the marketing plan at the February meeting.

9. The motion to sponsor League Ultra Draft Tournament was tabled.

10. The motion to sponsor Chalmette High Cultural Arts Program was tabled.

11. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to nominate Jessica Reab as Chairwoman of the Tourist Commission. Jessica Reab accepted. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to nominate Phyllis Diecidue as Vice Chair of the Tourist Commission. Phyllis Diecidue accepted. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Gary Huettmann to nominate Lena Nunez as Treasurer of the Tourist Commission. Lena Nunez accepted. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Dorothy Hills to nominate Jenifer Heintz as Secretary of the Tourist Commission. Due to the absence of Jenifer Heintz she will accept the secretary position at the February meeting.

12. A motion was made Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to accept the 2023 Tourist Commission meeting dates. Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Dorothy Hills to add "13a". Jessica Reab, Gary Huettmann and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

"13a". A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to increase the CEA with St. Bernard Parish Government for salary to \$12,500. Jessica Reab, Gary Huettmann and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to pay LTA 2023 Investment Partnership for \$3,600. Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue for the reimbursement from the Rose Parade. Jessica Reab, Dorothy Hills and Lena Nunez votes yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. Motion to sponsor Power Pole Redfish Tour was tabled.

17. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor metal artwork for St. Bernard Parish the first installment up to \$4,000. Dorothy Hills, Jessica Reab and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Phyllis Diecidue, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor the Knights of Nemesis Parade for \$2,500 with \$1,500 coming from the Tourism Revival Grant. Lena Nunez, Dorothy Hills and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

19. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to sponsor the Irish, Italian, Islenos Parade for \$2,500 with \$1,500 coming from the Tourism Revival Grant. Gary Huettmann, Jessica Reab and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

20. Next meeting will be February 28th at the Islenos Complex.

21. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Gary Huettmann, Dorothy Hills and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.