

## **St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting**

Wednesday March 23, 2022

Call to Order at 4:32 pm

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

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

Bill Hyland was our guest speaking regarding the Is lenos Fiesta turnout and the site for the Verret Villa.

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

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

8. Katie Tommasseo presented the Director's Report. She spoke about the March 22 tornado that damaged Old Arabi neighborhood and the Tourism office sustained some minor damages also. There was an update that the Crawfish Festival was a great success this year. Also, the office was able to renew the tourism website and looking forward to St. Bernard Day at the Capitol.

9.A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Jenifer Heintz to approve the Compilation Report Draft. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills and Claire Henderson voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

10.The motion to authorize usage of bank card for Tourism Office was tabled for more details.

11. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Claire Henderson to sponsor the Crawfish Festival for \$1,000.00. Jenifer Heintz, Gary Huettmann, Phyllis Diecidue and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12.The motion to sponsor a table for the State of the Parish at the Civic Center was tabled for more details.

13. A motion was made by Gary HUettmann, seconded by Dorothy Hills to sponsor the First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt for \$500.00. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Claire Henderson and Jenifer Heintz voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. The motion to sponsor the Voyage Mark at Nunez College was tabled for more details.

15. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor the HT Redfish Series for \$2500.00. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Claire Henderson and Jenifer Heintz voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Jenifer Heintz to sponsor the Blue Star Marker at the Chalmette Cemetery for up to \$2,000.00. Lena Nunez, Claire Henderson, Phyllis Diecidue and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

17. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to accept a check from the Meraux Foundation for the Tourism of St. Bernard. Claire Henderson, Jenifer Heintz, Dorothy Hills and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

18. Next Meeting – April 19

19. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jenifer Heintz to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.