

**St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**  
**St. Bernard Council Office**

Call to order at 4:31 p.m.

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

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

There were no Guests or Public Comments

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

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

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report starting with the reminder for all members to complete the Financial Disclosure by May 15. She also spoke about adding the advertising on WDSU for the Tomato Festival to the Marketing Plan. We were also reminded of the May 7 St. Bernard Day at the Capitol.

9. The motion to sponsor National Redfish Tour Captain's Dinner was tabled for more information.

10. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to update the Marketing Plan to advertise on WDSU for the OLPS Tomato Festival this weekend for \$1500 package. Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes, Lisamarie Brandon, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to sponsor the Louisiana Crawfish Festival Ball for \$250. Jessica Reab, Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Gary Huettmann and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the Give-a-Hoot Trivia night for the St. Bernard Family Violence Program for \$250. Dorothy Hills, Jenifer H. Andes, Jessica Reab and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea, Lisamarie abstained from voting because of her affiliation with the SBFVP Board. No nays, motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Jessica Reab to sponsor the Nunez Community College Pelican & Pearls Gala for \$1500. Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes, Lisamarie Brandon, Dorothy Hills and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to pay the New Orleans & Co. membership dues for \$661.20. Lena Nunez, Jenifer H. Andes, Phyllis Diecidue, Gary Huettmann and Jessica Reab voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

15. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to purchase 2 tickets for the National Travel & Tourism Week Luncheon for \$55 each.. Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Gary Huettmann to sponsor the wreath for the Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony. Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab, Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

17. The motion to sponsor a brick for the Buy a Brick Fundraiser was tabled for more information.

18. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Lena Nunez to sponsor the CHS Project Graduation with a Tourism basket and a monetary donation of \$250. Jessica Reab, Lisamarie Brandon, Gary Huettmann and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea. Phyllis Diecidue abstained from voting because of conflict of interest. No nays, motion passed.

19. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lisamarie to sponsor the Tomato Festival Pageant for \$140. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Gary Huettmann, Jenifer H. Andes and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

20. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to accept the check from the Meraux Foundation in regards to the Vietnam Veterans Day luncheon for \$500. Jenifer H. Andes, Lisamarie Brandon, Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

21. Next Meeting will be May 21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Aycock Barn at 400 Aycock St. Arabi.

22. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed. .

Chair Charles Dunder Date 5/20/2025

Secretary John H. Anderson Date 5/20/25