

St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Aycock Barn (409 Aycock St.)

Call to Order at 4:34 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab, Lisamarie Brandon, Dorothy Hills and Jenifer H. Andes. Phyllis Diecidue arrived at 4:40 p.m.

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

There were no Guests and no Public Comments.

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

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

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report regarding finalizing the Marketing Plan and the Cultural District Report. She also spoke about Jessica Reab's graduation at the LTA Annual Meeting coming up next month. Katie Tommaseo and Samantha Meyer will be attending the Louisiana Tourism Super Bowl Party at Mardi Gras World. Nunez Culinary Class is baking cookies for the event. Also mentioned was that the Annual Birding Festival will now be part of the St. Bernard Parish Events.

9. A motion was by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to Nominate Phyllis Diecidue for 2025 Chairman of the St. Bernard Tourist Commission Board. Phyllis Diecidue accepted and was voted on by all present members. Lena Nunez closed the vote and Gary Huettmann seconded it. Next was a nomination for Vice- Chair Jessica Reab made by Lena Nunez, seconded by Phyllis Diecidue. Jessica Reab accepted and was voted on by all. Lena Nunez closed the vote and Gary Huettmann seconded it. Next was a nomination by Lena Nunez, seconded by Lisamarie to reinstate the Secretary position with Jenifer H. Andes for another term. Jenifer H. Andes accepted and was voted by all. Lena Nunez closed the vote and Gary Huettmann seconded it. Next was a nomination by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Lisamarie to

reinstate the Treasurer position with Lena Nunez for another term. Lena Nunez accepted and was voted by all. Jessica Reab closed the vote, seconded by Gary Huettmann.

10. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Gary Huettmann to approve the CEA with the St. Bernard Parish Government with regards to Samantha Meyer's salary. Jenifer H. Andes, Lena Nunez, Jessica Reab, Lisamarie Brandon and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

11. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Gary Huettmann to purchase Los Islenos cutting boards for up to \$300. Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue, Lisamarie Brandon, Lena Nunez and Jenifer H. Andes voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Gary Huettmann, seconded by Jessica Reab to sponsor the United States Army Survivor Outreach Services for \$500. Lisamarie Brandon, Jenifer H. Andes, Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Gary Huettmann to purchase a wreath for America250 for \$175. Dorothy Hills, Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

14. The motion to sponsor the Jackson Day Race was tabled.

15. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Gary Huettmann to reimburse the expenses for the LTA Annual Meeting for Jessica Reab and Samantha Meyer to attend. Jenifer H. Andes, Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hliis and Lena Nunez (Jessica Reab abstained from vote) voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor the cookies for the Super Bowl Party for \$1500. Lena Nunez, Gary Huettmann, Dorothy Hliis, Phyllis Diecidue and Lisamarie Brandon voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

17. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to sponsor the First Lady's Easter Egg Hunt for \$250. Lena Nunez, Phyllis Diecidue, Jessica Reab, Gary Huettmann and Dorothy Hills voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

18. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to sponsor Love the Boot Week for \$1,000. Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills, Gary Huettmann, Lena Nunez and Jessice Reab voted yea; ;no nays. Motion passed.

19. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lisamarie Brandon to pay the membership for LTA Premium Partnership for \$4,000. Jenifer H. Andes, Phyllis Diecidue, Dorothy Hills , Lena Nunez and Gary Huettmann voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

20. Next Meeting: February 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Aycok Barn.

21. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jessica Reab to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair Sheila Reindeer Date 2/25/25

Secretary Jerry H. Anderson Date 2/25/25