

St. Bernard Tourist Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Aycock Barn (409 Aycock St.)

Call to Order at 4:31 p.m.

Present from the Tourist Commission: Erin Bigner, Lisamarie Brandon, Lena Nunez, Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue and Jenifer H. Andes. Jessica Reab arrived at 4:32 p.m.

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

There were no guests and no public comments.

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

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

8. Katie Tommaseo presented the Director's Report regarding many items. First, the Compilation is being worked on along with the Census Report, Cultural District Report and the Marketing Plan. She said the Battle of New Orleans event was very nice despite the weather. They are talking about bringing back Living History for the event. There was also a new tent ordered to be able to use next year. She also spoke about the St. Bernard Day at the Capital and how it will be a dinner this time instead of lunch. The Terre Boeuf Marker is being delivered to install at the Islenos grounds in time for the Fiesta. We were also reminded about the Ethics test that will need to be taken soon.

9. A motion was made by Dorothy Hills, seconded by Erin Bigner that all Tourist Commission officers will remain for 1 more year.

10. The motion to sponsor the America 250 was tabled.

11. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Erin Bigner to sponsor the Krewe of Majestic Miracles for \$100. Lisamarie Brandon, Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue, Jenifer H. Andes and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

12. A motion was made by Lisamarie Brandon, seconded by Jenifer H. Andes to pay \$150. For the 2026 St. Bernard Chamber Membership Dues. Dorothy Hills, Phyllis Diecidue and Erin Bigner voted yea; no nays (Jessica Reab and Lena Nunez abstained from voting since they are board members.) Motion passed.

13. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Dorothy Hills to purchase tickets for the Chamber Awards Dinner for \$1040. for two tables. Lisamarie Brandon, Erin Bigner and Phyllis Diecidue voted yea; no nays. (Jessica Reab and Lena Nunez abstained from voting because they are board members) Motion passed.

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

15. A motion was made by Jenifer H. Andes, seconded by Jessica Reab to pay for Advertisement by way of WVUE commercials that ran during the football games for \$3150. Phyllis Diecidue, Lisamarie Brandon, Erin Bigner, Dorothy Hills and Lena Nunez voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

16. Next Meeting: Feb 25 at 4:30p.m. at the Aycock Barn.

17. A motion was made by Jessica Reab, seconded by Lena Nunez to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. All voted yea; no nays. Motion passed.

Chair Phyllis Diecidue Date 2/25/2026

Secretary Jenifer H Andes Date 2/25/26