



Minutes of February 21, 2017

Present: Trudy Hebert, Secretary; Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair; Myers McAllister, Secretary-elect; Chris Pulaski, Parish Advisor; Linda Henderson, Parish Liaison; Linda Brashier; Barton Joffrion; Corey Messina; David Luke. **Quorum met**
Absent: Monica Harris, (surgery) and Diane Theriot

1. Meeting was called to order by Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair at 11:34 AM, due to resignation of Chair, Laura Browning on Jan. 31, 2017.
2. Invocation presented by Ostheimer, Vice Chair.
3. **Motion** was made by Trudy Hebert to accept the minutes from the December meeting. The motion was seconded by Barton Joffrion and the motion carried with no objection.
4. **Motion** was made by Corey Messina to accept the Nominating Committee's slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Barton Joffrion and carried. The nominees and new officers are Trudy Hebert, Chair; Sandy Ostheimer, Vice Chair; and Myers McAllister, Secretary.
5. Trudy Hebert, the new Chair, presided over the remainder of the meeting.
6. Hebert, Chair reported that the Board has a current carry over and balance of \$37,387. She reminded the Board that \$2,000 will go to the Duplantis Design Group for the Dumas Auditorium/Park design plans.
7. Publications Chair, Hebert reported that the website materials are complete and ready for website inclusion. Hebert meeting with Sharon Alford of the Houma Area Visitors Bureau has agreed to assist in funding the printing of brochure and that an affordable publishing rate is in process for the flip booklet.

Old Business

8. Arbor Day Chair & Coordinator, Sandy Ostheimer reported that the Arbor Day Tree Give-Away was a huge success. A special thank-you letter was signed by all Board members and to send to Apache Corporation for their great donation of over 1000 trees.
9. Award Chair, Linda Brashier reported that several board members attended the Tree-mendous Tree Award at Danos. (Chris Pulaski, Sandy Ostheimer, Trudy Hebert and Linda Brashier) Brashier suggested writing instructions for procedures to follow for award notices and presentation. She will work on this procedure. Linda announced that St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and School will be nominated for the second quarter of 2017. Linda concluded that a tree will be donated by Terrebonne Garden Club to the library to replace a dying one. Barton mentioned an agreement by the board to plant a tree in honor of dec. Sybil Guidry, former Tree Board pioneer.
10. Sandy Ostheimer and Chris Pulaski reported that the New Orleans Blvd. project is waiting for the last bid proposal. Phase II of the Civic Center Blvd. project is postponed until the round-about plans are funded. The plan for Dumas Park is in progress.

New Business

11. Board Members Barton Joffrion, Linda Brashier, Monica Harris, and Diane Theriot wish to remain on the Board for another appointment. Terms end Feb 23, 2017 and Venita Chauvin has been notified of their intents.
12. Sandy Ostheimer volunteered to do the initial research on plant variety, types, sizes, and costs for the screening project on Civic Center Blvd.
13. Corey Messina verbally regrets he has to put in his resignation from the board, due to the demands of his job. The board wished him well and thanked him for his services on the board.

Announcements

14. Good Earth Market at Wetlands Center on April 1; Art Under the Oaks at St. Matthew's on April 7; Sandy will have hip surgery within the month and she was encouraged by the best wishes for a quick recovery from the board.
15. Awarding certificate to Laura Browning tomorrow night at TP Council Meeting 6 PM, all are encouraged to attend.
16. Next meeting announced to be March 21, 2017.
17. **Motion** to adjourn by Barton Joffrion, 2nd by Corey Messina.

Submitted by

S. Myers McAllister
Secretary