

Advisory Board of the Louisiana State Archives

MINUTES

February 10, 2022 | 1:00pm | Louisiana State Archives Gallery

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Board Members: Catherine Newsome, Faye Phillips, Doug Harrison, Brandon Abadie, Phyllis Perron

Not present: Amy Patin, Ann Boltin, Linda Lightfoot, Nancy Landry

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to adopt previous meeting minutes by Doug Harrison and seconded by Catherine Newsome
Motion Passed

IV. Order of Business

1. Updates from the Archives: Catherine Newsome

A. Spring 2022 Events

- Lunch & Learn series with Dr. Ana Roeschley from LSU on February 23
- Spring Gala: Mystery of the Archives on March 6
- Book Talk: Jean Lafitte Revealed on April 6

B. Spring Gala

- Promotion included a ½ page ad in Country Roads magazine; interview with InRegister and promotion through email campaigns and social media
- Donations: in-kind donation from Lamar for 1 digital billboard and 1 digital poster to promote the gala.
- Currently seeking sponsorship opportunities
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C. Exhibit Update: Masquerade: The Traditions of New Orleans Mardi Gras

- Exhibit will run through April 14 and was curated by Angela Cinquemano. The exhibit includes loaned items from The Historical New Orleans Collection, Rex, Zulu, and many of the walking krewes as well as never before seen photography from the Archives.
- Promotion included a month long radio buy on WRKF as well as a ½ page ad in Country Roads magazine, interview with InRegister magazine, email and social media.

D. New Facilities Manager

- James Bunch began at the Archives in January. He has over 20 years of experience and has already begun working on several improvement projects including requests through Facility Planning and Control.
- Kirk Menier will be retiring in July 2022.

E. Power Outage at Archives

- A few weeks ago, the Archives experienced a random power outage. It was determined that Entergy was at fault due to an exterior electrical poll circuit wire that burned through the building causing a small explosion. The building was without power for about 8-10 hours. The issues has since been resolved and fixed by Entergy.

2. Update from Friends of the Louisiana State Archives: Phyllis Perron in lieu of Linda Lightfoot
 - A. Membership dues are due every January
3. Other Business: Faye Phillips
 - A. The Old Governor's Mansion is now managed by the Secretary of State's office.

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Catherine Newsome and seconded by Doug Harrison.

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 1:47pm