

**ST. LANDRY PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MONTHLY MINUTES
January 11, 2017**

St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission Met on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 5:30PM, in Sunset at the Café Josephine's.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>	<u>Guest Present</u>
Tommy Dejean	Wil Giron (Meeting Conflict)	Bill Rodier, SLED
Mary Doucet	Ginger Lecompte (Excused)	
Yvonne Normand		
Kelly Pitre		
John Slaughter		
Celeste Gomez*		
Caitlin Bussey*		
Sarah Wise*		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTIONS	FOLLOW-UP
<u>Call to Order</u>	Secretary Mary Doucet called the January meeting to order.	The minutes for the December meeting were accepted as presented.	Concluded.
<u>Financial Report</u> General Fund St. Landry Parish Special Projects Account Visitor Center Debt Service	Parish Occupancy tax for the month of November totaled \$49,351.74. Current balance in the General Fund, following payment of bills is \$135,284.66. To date expenses paid due to flood total \$58,391.05 It was suggested that interest rates be researched. Washington State Bank Account balance stands at \$271,966.56. Current balance \$1,000,000.00.	Yvonne Normand made the motion to pay the bills. Tommy Dejean seconded. Unanimously approved. (Motion is not necessary, only acceptance as presented) *Note – Public comment was called for and none was heard.	Concluded.
<u>Unfinished Business</u> SLP Visitor Center Repairs	New HVAC installed Jan. 11 & 12 on rack and breaker boxes elevated. All grasses have been pruned; Waiting on contractor.	No Action Needed.	Concluded.
Visitor Center Sign Update	Still under consideration.		Pending.
Exterior Paint Job	Still under consideration.		Pending.
Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax	Steps being taken to rewrite legislation that dictates who and how appointments are made to Sales & Use Tax Commission.		Pending.

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<u>New Business</u> Election of Officers	Current slate: Ginger Lecompte – President Wil Giron – Vice President Mary Doucet – Secretary Tommy Dejean – Treasurer	Motion made by Yvonne Normand to retain current officers for another year. Seconded by Kelly Pitre.	Concluded.
Recap of 2016	Tabled until February meeting.	No Action Needed.	Pending.
Goals for 2017	Tabled until February meeting.	No Action Needed.	Pending.
<u>Grant Application</u> None for Consideration.			
<u>Staff Reports</u> Celeste Gomez Executive Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full report provided. 		
Caitlin Bussey Communications Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report provided. 		
Sarah Wise Marketing Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report provided. 		
<u>Guest Reports</u> Bill Rodier - SLED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SLED activities given by Bill Rodier. 		
<u>Announcements</u>	Jan. 16 – Office closed for Martin Luther King Observance Jan. 18 – SLPG Monthly Meeting – Public Hearing for St. Luke Hospital Jan. 19 –SLPTC Tourism Industry Meeting – Le Vieux Village 9am Jan. 24 – LOT/LEDA – Encore Meeting – 10am at LEDA Jan. 26 – LTPA Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon - Natchitoches		
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	Next Meeting <u>Wednesday February 8, 2017 at TBD at 5:30PM</u>	Yvonne Normand moved that with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by John Slaughter. Unanimously approved	Concluded.