

ST. LANDRY PARISH TOURIST COMMISSION
MONTHLY MINUTES
January 10,2018

St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 5:30PM, in Opelousas at the St. Landry Parish Visitor Information Center.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>	<u>Guest Present</u>
Suzanne LaHaye	Mary Doucet	Judy Romero
Wil Giron	Kelly Pitre	
Ginger Lecompte	Sarah Wise	
Yvonne Normand		
John Slaughter		
Caitlin Bussey*		
Celeste Gomez*		
Sarah Wise*		

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<u>Call to Order</u>	Chairman Ginger Lecompte called the January meeting to order.	The minutes for the December meeting were accepted as presented. Approved unanimously.	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 \$39,45.64. The current balance in the General Fund, following payment of bills, is \$189,770.80. Washington State Bank Account balance stands at \$305,364.85. Review of projected activity lead to discussion of only 75% or 50% of early bond note payment. Options will be presented. Current balance \$905,000.00.	A motion was made by Yvonne Normand to accept the financial report and to pay the bills. Wil Giron seconded. Unanimously approved. (Motion is not necessary, only acceptance as presented) *Note – Public comment was called for and none was heard.	Concluded.
<u>Staff Reports</u> Sarah Wise Marketing Director	Complete report provided in packets. Sarah was absent.		
Caitlin Bussey Communications Manager	Complete report provided in packets. Expanded upon Faith based tourism, Amédé Ardoin Project and recent blogger Howard Blount.		
Celeste Gomez Executive Director	Report provided in packets.		

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<u>Unfinished Business</u> Strategic Plan Update	Next meeting set for Jan. 16 at 1pm.	No Actions Needed.	Ongoing.
Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Collections – Sales & Use Tax Update	Meeting with Sales Tax office and SLPG and SLPTC set for January 25.	No Action Needed.	Ongoing.
SLP Visitor Center Projects -Signage	Weather hampering installation.	No Action Needed.	Pending.
<u>New Business</u> Amedee Ardoin Statute	Unveiling is set for March 11, 2018 at 4pm. Program has been determined and contacts being made. Media list in the works. Commissioners invited to see statue in progress.	No action needed.	Pending
Date of February meeting	Due to Mardi Gras and Valentine day proposed that February meeting date be changed. Possible site visit to see statue.	Motion was made by John Slaughter to move meeting to Feb. 21 at 3pm at Le Vieux Village. Seconded by Yvonne Normand.	Concluded.
<u>Grant Application</u> Sunset Herb & Garden Celebration	Judy Romero presented Grant application for the 2018 Herb & Garden Celebration set for May 5, 2018	Motioned by Wil Giron and seconded by Suzanne LaHaye to award \$2000 for the 2018 Herb & Garden Celebration.	Concluded.
<u>Meeting Adjourned</u>	Next Meeting Wednesday February 21, 2018 at Le Vieux Village in Opelousas. at 3:00PM	Suzanne LaHaye moved that with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Wil Giron. Unanimously approved.	Concluded.