

2019 - 2020 Minutes Joseph Landry Foundation  
1/31/2020

Meeting called to order 1:00 pm

Present by phone: Margaret Canella, Jim Safford, Margie LeBlanc, Mary Ellen Stinski

1. Treasurer's Report: The current balance in the bank is \$4,359.85. No expenses other than renewal of non-profit status with the State.

2. Old Business:

Weeds on tomb: It is winter, and weeds are dead, but soon will be in active growth again. We have no one who as volunteered to spray as needed. A year ago Alice Whitson visited the Tomb and found it filled with trash which she removed, and sent pictures of the overgrowth of weeds. Currently we have no one who has volunteered to spray as needed, and we are looking for a local person to do this.

Replacing Iron Door: The door on the tomb, which was left in the custody of Rob Judice to be reinstalled, has been missing since 2015. We currently have received \$3,000 as a donation towards its replacement. In the last phone call between Mary Ellen and Rob Judice in 2019, he identified two people who he would contact in regard to the tomb: Darrell Reeves and Blain Adams. He thought they might be able to do it for about \$10,000. He was not interested in having Gary Hart build the door. Gary is the person Margaret Canella found who was interested in the project using wrought iron at a reasonable price. It was agreed that Rob should pursue bids from his contacts.

3. New Business:

The 2019 Annual meeting had to be postponed until this date (1/31/2020) because Mary Ellen had a death in the family in December last year. So this is a combination of information from 2019 and 2020.

Tomb issues: Mary Ellen tried to reach Rob Judice in regard to progress on the bids for the tomb door. Up to the present time he has not responded. Without any feedback from Rob, the Board decided to move ahead with obtaining a bid from Gary Hart.

The next day On Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Margaret visited the tomb with Margie LeBlanc and Dan Safford. They found that the tomb had been vandalized and damaged on an outer wall creating a hole. It appears that there was an attempt to steal a coffin, but it was unsuccessful. Pictures were taken and will appear on our web site.

On February 5, 2020 Mary Ellen contacted The Ascension Parish Grounds keeper Stephen Schexnayder about the damage. He said the church was planning to

board up the tomb entrance to prevent further damage. He referred me to Nathan Mitchell who works on church repairs. He also works with wrought iron and said he would be willing to give us a bid. He will contact Mary Ellen within two weeks with it.

#### Retirement & Recruitment and of Board members:

When the nonprofit status was granted to The Joseph Landry Foundation Inc. in 2008, the Articles of Incorporation Article 3 states All members (paying dues and attending board meetings) shall have full voting and shall elect its Board of Directors at its first Members Meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter". In Article 4 its states. "The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of not less than 3, and not more than 11 persons".

The original Board had seven members. Walter Landry, Ed Whitson, Marjorie LeBlanc, Linda McVile , Claire Safford, James Safford. Of the initial Board members four have died, (Walter, Claire and James Safford and Ed Whitson) and 2 are inactive. However in 2014 Mary Ellen Stinski, Margaret Canella and Susan Judice joined the Board. Of those three, only Mary Ellen Stinski and Margaret Canella remain active, thus leaving us with 3 functioning Board members.

We are happy to announce that Alice Whitson has been voted onto our Board this year (2020). She has already become very helpful to our project which is greatly appreciated.

A list of All Board Members, and their contact information can be found on the Joseph Landry Foundation web site [www.landryfoundation.com](http://www.landryfoundation.com)

There were no further Business to be discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00pm