

## May 15, 2023 Board meeting of the Joseph Landry Foundation

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Attending Board Members: Mary Ellen Stinski, Margaret Canella, Alice Whitson Regan, Dan Safford, Jim Safford

Minutes from the last meeting on January 2021 are located on our website: <http://landryfoundation.com> . No Board meetings were held during the pandemic.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The current money in the Business First Bank checking account is \$1,933.85

**Old Business:** There was a fund raiser event for the Landry Tomb restoration on October 30, 2021. Margaret Canella organized a Tomb Tour. She selected 10 tombs of major interest to have volunteers in costume explaining the history of the person in the tomb. It was a wonderful event, and raised more than \$1,000 for the preservation. Because of interest in the Cemetery Tour, in addition to this, two brothers Mark & Michael Landry from New Orleans donated \$13,000 as well as twelve other donations totaling \$5,810. This came to a grand total of \$18,810 in donations and ultimately gave us the funds needed for the preservation work to be done!

We were able to hire Nick Black to do the needed construction, cleaning and weed removal inside and out. In addition he sealed the floor of the tomb (repository) so that it is clean and usable. He also attached the new door with a lock. The project was finished March 10 2023.

Semiannual upkeep is recommended and should include continual removal of weeds on roof and between stones. It should also include an annual spray cleaning and treating the external walls with a product called D/2.

## **New Business:**

1. There was a discussion about how we can get more information on who is buried in the tomb. We have been told that the records had been lost in a fire and are not available. Some further detective work may provide documentation.

Margaret was able to glean information from her notes of 19?? These include:

1. 6-21-38
2. Marie Celeste Landry, spouse D'Edourd Duffel, Born 12-25-1782 Deceased 10-18-1848
3. Leonide Duffe, Born 14 Juin 1810 Died 2/15/?
4. J.C. Poursine nee Landry Born 01 Nov 1791, Died 27 June 1857, wid. age 64 yrs 6 mon 27 days nee Melanie Landry
5. Edward Duffel 3/6/1859

Note: There are 16 persons identified in the church cemetery records in our tomb.

2. There was a discussion of putting up an historical plaque to provide information on the history of the tomb and those buried there.

There was a discussion that the Joseph Landry Tomb is a "Register for National Historic Places through the National Park Services on 08/11/1982. Record # 388142. We can contact them to see if they would provide us with a plaque. Mary Ellen will look into that.

3. We will need to find one person who will make a commitment to getting the spraying and cleaning twice each year. The cost of chemicals will be provided from the treasury funds.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Submitted by M. Stinski and M. Canella

