Annual Meeting of the Joseph Landry Foundation

 March 28, 2017 via Skype

Attending: Margaret Canella, Jim Safford, Mary Ellen Stinski. Meeting called at 2pm CST

Treasurers Report :

Current balance is $3,678.85

 Last years income $300

The Iberville Bank is closing so it was agreed that our balance would be transferred to BUSINESS FIRST BANK in West Baton Rouge, Brusly, LA

Old Business:

Vines on Tomb:

As of last Friday there are two small trees growing on the top of the tomb. There is dead debris that needs to be cut back by hand. Mary Ellen has e-mailed Rob Judice, with no response yet.

New Business:

 New Gate for Tomb

Margaret found a potential resource person who could replace the gate that was stolen from the tomb 2 years ago. His name is Gary Hart.

He said

Beautiful gate.  A shame that some idiot stole it.

I can make an almost exact reproduction including building it the old way with tenon joints and rivets.

More than likely made in New Orleans by a talented
 blacksmith.  Unfortunately very few smiths signed their work, but it
 would be interesting to try to figure out if it came from a particular
 shop. This is a heavy gate.  I can more or less figure dimensions from
 the photo, but of course I need to get measurements of the opening.
 I may be able to get my friends at Brecheen Steel to donate most of
 the materials needed.  That would save a little there.  I would also
 be willing to cut my usual exorbitant hourly rate to a manageable
 size, as this sort of project is interesting to me.
 If you like, I can give you the names of a couple of guys that do good
 work but the will almost certainly weld it all together rather than
 traditional joinery.  Just so you would have a reference point for cost.
 Gary Cranky and fussy but does very good work.

Rob Judice indicated that he had an estimate done 2 years ago for the gate replacement done in Iron. He reported that the cost would be approximately $6,000. Since we only have $3,000 Margaret will continue to look into the cost of this second bid.

 New Online Genealogy Site

Margaret provided information on "America's Genealogy Bank". This a digital service providing 249 million records to support genealogical research. It includes content from all 50 states, records from the 17th to 21st centuries in a single keyword searchable data base, and it updates daily with new records. Most of these sources are unique to this collection and are difficult to find on microfilm or in print. You can access 4,800 historical U.S. newspapers and can find ancestors in obituaries, marriage notices, and birth announcements. Most military documents are also available.

You can visit this site at:

http://www.newsbank.com/libraries/public/solutions/genealogy/americas-genealogybank

or call for further information at 1-800-762-8182

Meeting adjourned 2:20 pm

Minutes recorded by M.E. Stinski