

ST. MARTIN PARISH TOURISM COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

The St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission met at 4:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The meeting was held at Maison Stephanie, 1862 Bushville Highway, Arnaudville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Tourism Executive Director Laci Laperouse.

The following members were present: Carole Lancon, Christine Meche, Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier. The following members were absent: Laura Huval (excused).

Tourism Director Laci Laperouse introduced and welcomed Megan Leblanc, Assistant Director of Tourism.

A motion was made by Marel Thibodeaux and seconded by Carole Lancon to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

This motion having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Carole Lancon, Christine Meche, Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Laura Huval (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of April 2022.

A motion was made by Carole Lancon and seconded by Christine Meche to approve the Tourism Monthly Report for the month of March 2022.

This motion having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Carole Lancon, Christine Meche, Fred Foti Jr., Karlos Knott, Marel Thibodeaux, and Tonia Peltier.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Laura Huval (excused).

And the motion was declared adopted this 13th day of April 2022.

Executive Director Laci Laperouse introduced Kenneth Douet, Owner/Innkeeper of the Maison Stephanie. Mr. Douet gave a detailed account of the historic home, which was built in 1796. Mr. Douet further noted he and Dr. Richard Howes purchased the property in 2013, and the property underwent many renovations, mentioning the total brick restoration which took 11 months to complete. Mr. Douet also discussed the research he has prepared which has helped with learning the many generations of families that once occupied the property, which research has helped other families complete their genealogy. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Douet and Dr. Howes for their hospitality.

Tourism Director Laci Laperouse discussed and reminded all commissioners of their yearly obligations to the Louisiana Board of Ethics by completing Financial Disclosure Forms, Sexual Harassment and Ethics Training.

It was announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the African American/Acadian Memorial Museums, at 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Fred Foti, Jr. and seconded by Marel Thibodeaux that the St. Martin Parish Tourism Commission Meeting does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.

After adjournment, Mr. Douet gave a tour of the Maison Stephanie.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be exact and true:

Laci Laperouse, Executive Director
St. Martin Parish Tourism