

PHILIPPINE LOUISIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Minutes of the Meeting  
August 10, 2019

In Attendance:

Gilberto Anfone	Randy Gonzales
Bella Basilides	Alden Merto
Rey Basilides	Rina Merto
Jose Juan Bautista	Zeno Pimentel
Lee Dalistan	Lita Romero
Adlai DePano	Robert Romero
Liz DePano	Boyet San Agustin
Rose Farzande	Gerlie San Agustin
Arleen Gonzales	Elsie Tuazon

The meeting was called to order by Hon. Consul Robert Romero at 2:42 pm at Green Tea Restaurant, 3001 Napoleon Ave, New Orleans, LA.

Prayer was led by Gilberto Anfone followed by a moment of silence in honor of the late Ramona Ramos, a lifetime member of PLHS.

The meeting focused on the Historical Marker unveiling ceremony to be held on November 9, 2019.

- Mr. Romero asked Zeno Pimentel to provide a digital copy of the flyer for distribution through email. The invitation can also be digital to save money on printing and mailing
- Event page will be created in Facebook by Gerlie San Agustin
  - \*Update – A public event page has been created. Everyone on Facebook is encouraged to please add guests/friends and share. Social media is such a powerful tool.
- Set up/Decorations/Receptions are assigned to Lee Dalistan, Rose Farzande, Prescy Stewart and Marcia Corley.
- Cloth to cover the marker will be taken care of by Lita Romero.
- Joju Bautista will take care of the program for the unveiling ceremony and evening gala
- Elsie Tuazon will confirm performances from the group of Cindy Dacula and Eva Adolfo
- Marie Schmitt will have to rebook the lodging for out-of-town guests. Hoping they will still give us discounted rates
- Alden Merto and Rommel Dorado will help in transporting out-of-town guests, some of them may be driving, maps/directions may be needed
- Randy Gonzales created a timeline for the St. Malo Marker:
  - August 31 – Louisiana Tourism Development Commission approves marker at annual meeting
  - September 1 - Lynne Coxwell emails Randy approval form, Randy emails to Robert
  - September 2 – Robert sends approval form and check for \$2,040 to Sewah Studios
  - October ? – Prepare site for marker installation
  - October 18 – Sewah ships marker
  - October 25 – Marker arrives
  - October 26 – November 2 – Mount post

November 3 – 8 – Place marker on post

- A motion was made by Joju Bautista that the cost of the marker for \$2,040 be approved, seconded by Adlai DePano. The motion was carried.
- The Evening Gala is a ticketed event at \$40/guest. Randy Gonzales and Gerlie San Agustin discussed about setting up a PayPal account for PLHS to accommodate those who would like to pay electronically especially the out-of-towners.
- Zeno Pimentel will edit the flyer to include PayPal information and deadline for payments which is October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- It is yet to be determined if there will be a mass in the morning before the unveiling ceremony. Adlai DePano will discuss further with Mr. Robert Romero.
- Silayan Choir/Adlai DePano and KBGNO/Boyet San Agustin and Rey Basilides will donate the use of the sound system for the indoor and outdoor activities.

Other Business:

- In lieu of flowers, PLHS donated to charity in Ramona Ramos' memory
- The mural is said to be returned from Chicago. It may be set up on November 9<sup>th</sup> c/o Rey Basilides and Boyet San Agustin

Next scheduled meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.