



February 10, 2026

MINUTES

of the 28th Board Meeting

February 7, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

in the reception hall of the former town hall of Sainte-Marie-aux-Anglais

Present : Ms. Annie Cahagniet, Ms. Paulette Langlais, Ms. Chantal Sion. Mr. Christopher Clegg, Mr. Henri-Noël Lepetit, Mr. Hervé Lepetit, Mr. Éric Patrelle, Mr. Jean-Paul Pierratte.

Excused absences : Mr. Denis Duriez, Mr. Philippe Lepetit, Mr. Marielle Lesaulnier, Mr. Téhani Mangeant, Mr. Jean-Pierre Pierson, Mr. Patrick Truffaut.

After preparing the room and exchanging a few words, the Board of Directors began its work at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS RECAP

► All of the following items were addressed and discussed:

- 1/ Review of our activities since the General Meeting of May 17, 2025
- 2/ Ten-year project 2024/2034
- 3/ Specific works and equipment to consider
- 4/ 2026 Communication
- 5/ Memberships 2025/2026
- 6/ Institutional Meetings, Expansion of the Board and Internal Organization
- 7/ Financial Statements as of December 31, 2025
- 8/ Round table discussion
- 9/ Closing of the Board of Directors meeting (key deadlines to remember)

1/ REVIEW OF OUR ACTIVITIES SINCE THE GENERAL MEETING OF MAY 17, 2025

Events and Projects

- Presentation of our 2024/2034 Project to François Aubey, Mayor of MVA -
- November 17: Presentation of the proposal Current Situation/Suggestions ●
- December 6: Celebration of the association's 20th anniversary

Religious Events

- August 16: Mass of the Assumption of Mary
- November 2: Mass for the Deceased
- January 4, 2026: Epiphany Mass

Open House Events

- June 8: Pentecost
- November 1: All Saints' Day

Seasonal Events

- November 29: Autumn Cleanup Day
- December 6: Setting up the Nativity Scene

Regional Events

- May 17: 13th Stones in Lights - the Normandy Heritage Festival
- September 20: Heritage Days

Partnership Events

- May 22: Meet the Heritage Agitators
- July 23: APEPA Chapel Trail
- December 20-21: APEPA Nativity Scene Trail
- January 3-4, 2026: APEPA Nativity Scene Trail

▶ Disappointments of 2025

Despite our efforts, we were unable to hold some events and/or experienced a significant lack of attendance:

- In June - Team Day Youth / Launch of a concept: Due to time constraints, we were unable to organize a meeting with local youth groups (clubs, associations, organizations).
- June 21 - Fête de la Musique (Music Festival): As in 2024, this event was cancelled due to a lack of volunteer performers in the chapel.
- December 20 and January 3 - La Route des Crèches (Nativity Scene Trail): No visitors attended these two Saturdays.

▶ 2025 Successes

- In 2025, we recorded higher attendance at services, particularly on August 16 for the Mass of the Assumption of Mary. ● On December 6th, the association's 20th anniversary celebration was a success.
- As part of our 2024/2034 project, the municipality of Mézidon-Vallée-d'Auge warmly welcomed our two presentations on February 17th and November 17th, which focused on our "Executive Summary" and "Current Situation/ Suggestions" reports.
- After another 12 months of publication, our e-gazette's success is confirmed.
- Consider sending this e-gazette monthly by mail to the 5 members who do not have internet access. ● Communication has been strengthened with the development of our website and our presence on social media.

▶ Strengthening and Developing Our Partner Networks

Objective: to raise awareness and recognition of our chapel, increase attendance at our events, and gain local and regional recognition.

- Given the difficulty of guaranteeing a minimum audience with rotating venues, we must consider pooling our resources by organizing our events jointly with other associations.

- We are currently in discussions with Jacques Devos, president of the association "Conserver la chapelle de Sainte-Marie-aux-Anglais" (Preserve the Chapel of Sainte-Marie-aux-Anglais).
- We will continue our exchanges with APEPA (Marianne Meunier), the Sainte-Thérèse parish in Pays d'Auge, and the Z'agitateurs du Patrimoine (Heritage Agitators) (Marc Soulé).
- We will maintain our relationship with Le Journal du Pays d'Auge (Denis Bourdin) and Ouest-France (Didier Deloux).
- Contact the Heritage Foundation (Armelle Dalibert) and the Calvados Departmental Council (Cécile Anne-Cécile Vaccaro).

2/ TEN-YEAR PROJECT 2024/2034

- Presentation of our 2024/2034 Project to François Aubey, Mayor of MVA - February 17, 2025: Presentation of the "Executive Summary" document - November 17, 2025: Presentation of the "Current Situation/Suggestions" document
- During these two meetings, the welcome we received from the municipality of Mézidon Vallée d'Auge met our expectations.
- Indeed, each time we met with Mr. François Aubey, he expressed his support, affirmed his willingness to assist us, and to include the Saint-Maclou chapel project in the municipality's future projects. With reference to the two proposals we submitted, which perfectly meet his expectations, Mr. François Aubey has scheduled a meeting for next May to establish a working group with the municipality. This group will consist of an architect hired by the town, a representative from the town council, a representative from the association, and a representative from the heritage foundation.

Please note that the two proposals submitted to the Mézidon-Vallée-d'Auge municipality are available for viewing and download on our website chapelstmaclou.fr – under the “Projects” menu, then the “2024/2034 Project” submenu, and finally the “Executive Summary” and/or “Current Status & Suggestions” tabs.

3/ SPECIFIC WORK AND EQUIPMENT TO CONSIDER

► Join the Open Churches Network

Strengthen a sense of belonging to a place through its accessibility

Following the models of Repentigny and Vieux Pont, implement a free and secure access control system for the chapel, a pre-recorded audio guide, and a sound system.

- Obtain authorization, secure funding, and proceed with the installation.
- Three quotes were presented:

1/ Access control for a total of €7,021.98 (including VAT)

2/ Video surveillance for a total of €4,159.50 (including VAT)

3/ Sound system for a total of €4,930.30 (including VAT)

Please note that no work will begin without the municipality's authorization and subject to the availability of the necessary funds.

▶ Repeat the Spring and Autumn Cleaning Day

Continue our work on minor repairs,

Carry out routine maintenance of the woodwork, dusting, tidying, and cleaning the floors.

▶ Consider ways to heat the chapel

Objective: to make our winter events attractive and sustainable!

Before installing integrated heating equipment, find a solution by renting radiant and/or fan heaters used at trade fairs and exhibitions.

4/ COMMUNICATION 2026

Thanks to Denis's input, we now have a comprehensive set of innovative tools that address many of our needs.

We are now able to communicate using generational tools that can reach a wide range of people across diverse backgrounds.

These tools will be invaluable when the time comes to promote our 2024/2034 project.

▶ Media Management and Development

- Continue the momentum that is beginning to bear fruit and leverage the synergy between our partnerships (local and regional) and our various internal platforms.

- Social Media: Bluesky, Instagram, and soon Facebook

For each of these public-facing platforms, find the right balance and level of communication appropriate for the target audience.

5/ 2025/2026 MEMBERSHIPS

▶ 2025 Memberships

Between March 1st and December 31st, 2025, we recorded 175 memberships, generating:

- €1,420.00 in membership fees based on €10.00 per person and €15.00 per couple.

- €2,184.00 in donations, recorded when memberships received exceeded the announced base fees.

This represents a total revenue of €3,604.00.

For reference, we recorded 170 memberships in 2023 and 139 memberships in 2024.

There is no specific explanation for these year-on-year variations.

However, frequent follow-ups are necessary, approximately every two months, particularly because existing members often forget to respond to our requests.

Please note that each member receives a personalized thank-you message, along with their membership card for the current year.

► 2026 Memberships

We still hope to reach 200 members.

With a long-term focus on increasing membership numbers, I recommend that our membership fees remain the same as in previous years: €10.00 per person and €15.00 for a couple.

As we have decided, emails sent to our members will state that, upon request, each membership can be eligible for a tax receipt.

Envoyer des commentaires

6/ INSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS, EXTENSION OF THE BOARD, AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Institutional and other meetings (optimizing travel)

► Board of Directors

Ultimately, starting in 2027, the Board of Directors meeting and the Annual General Meeting will be scheduled for the same day.

► Annual General Meeting

Starting in 2026, the Annual General Meeting, the Spring Clean-up, and the Saint-Marcouf Mass are scheduled for Saturday, April 25th...

► 2027 Programming Committee

The 2027 Programming Committee will meet on Saturday, November 28, 2026, after our Autumn Clean-up.

► Expansion of the Board (accepted)

At our 19th Annual General Meeting, I will propose expanding our board to include two new members: Paulette Langlais and Bruno Guiard.

- Paulette Langlais, after some initial hesitation and exemplary availability, has agreed to join us.
- At our last meeting on November 17th at the MVA town hall, Bruno Guiard, deputy mayor of Mesnil-Mauger until the next legislative elections, expressed his willingness to welcome him to our association.

Internal Organization

► Availability and Management of Our Events

- We must strive to better anticipate our availability to avoid constantly relying on the same resources, optimize our choices for managing our events, and ensure a fair distribution of responsibilities.
- Once we have a secure and accessible access control system for the chapel, we will certainly have fewer constraints, even though we will still need to ensure our association is represented at major events.

This will lend credibility to our actions and the very purpose of our project.

7/ ACCOUNT STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

▶ Accounting status as of December 31, 2025

- The balance of our checking account was €44.77.
- The balance of our Livret A savings account was €12,958.42.

As every year at this time, I transferred the surplus from our checking account to our Livret A savings account in the amount of €1,400.00.

- As usual, Marielle Lesaulnier, the association's treasurer, will present a statement of accounts at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 23.

▶ 2026 Grant

- The complete 2026 grant application was submitted on October 21, 2025.

The requested grant amount is €150.

- Generally, the most recent grants awarded were €100.00

8/ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

▶ Open discussion

As everyone had the opportunity to speak as the various points were raised, this roundtable discussion did not generate any particular debate...

9/ ADMISSION OF THE BOARD MEETING

With the agenda items addressed, the Board meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Thank you to the participants for their involvement and contribution to the discussions, which allow us to move forward and plan confidently for 2026.

Sincerely,

Henri-Jean Lepetit