

**Lafayette Genealogical Society**  
**General Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, January 19, 2023, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room. The meeting was called to order by President Joan Boudreaux, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to honor all who are deceased, including our ancestors and members no longer with us.

A welcome to all and an introduction of our new 2023 officers was made. Officers include:

- President – Joan Labbe Boudreaux
- Vice President (Past President) – Marc Andrepont
- Secretary – Cheryl Huner
- Treasurer – Warren LeBlanc
- Web Master – Veronica Dennis

First time guest present was Janet Bourque Wickham. She introduced herself and was welcomed.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

President Joan Boudreaux announced that the minutes for the November, 2022 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made by Allen Matte, seconded, and voted on affirmatively to approve the minutes as posted on the LGS site, and dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the current financial report as follows:

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT November-December 2022</b>		
Beginning Balance		\$5,714.68
Dues		
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		

Office expense (Web site)	-149.88	
Other expenses/Rent	-834.00	
Library book	-232.00	
Project (Sec. of State)		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,498.80</b>	
New Members for 2022		13
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>		<b>103</b>

Member Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on affirmatively to approve the Treasurer's Report for Nov.-Dec. 2022.

Our Treasurer then presented the **Proposed 2023 Budget** for the Lafayette Genealogical Society as follows:

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		\$4,498.80
PROJECTED REVENUES		
ESTIMATED DUES 50 MEMBERS X \$20.00	1,000.00	
BOOKS (CD) SOLD 6 X \$5.00 EA		
CEMETERY BOOK/CD X 20.00 X7		
SUPPLEMENTS SOLD 4 X \$5.00		
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES</b>	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		1,000.00
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES		
PUBLICATION	200.00	
SPEAKER MEALS/EXPENSES	75.00	
STORAGE RENT	834.00	
BANQUET EXPENSES	50.00	
OFFICE EXPENSES (COPIES, POSTAGE)	332.00	
OTHER EXPENSES (WEB PAGE)	250.00	
	<u>1,741.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>1,741.00</u>
<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>		<u><b>\$3,757.80</b></u>

A motion was made to accept the Proposed Budget for 2023, then seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the proposed budget.

### **Old Business**

Joan Boudreaux acknowledged the work of members to help the public with any genealogical questions. Every Tuesday is set aside at the downtown library for 9:00 to 11:30 AM for this activity. Joan pointed to Henry Peterson as being the key figure at the table along with Marc Andrepont and herself to provide guidance in finding information about ancestors sought after. She encouraged all members to get involved as they are available in Genealogy Tuesdays.

The first Saturday of every month will afford an opportunity to gather together and share personal projects, gain assistance, obtain ideas, and have fellowship among member genealogists and friends. The public is invited to this event as well. It's called Genealogy 101, and will continue this coming month on February 5, 2023 at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

### **New Business**

The Acadian Memorial Foundation is sponsoring its Annual Heritage Festival, Saturday, March 18, 2023. LGS (Lafayette Genealogy Society) will have an information table set up to answer questions the public may have. It is in St. Martinville downtown. Family recognition focus will be on the Vincent and Blanchard families. As in the spirit of most festivals, there will be vendors, food, entertainment, and a French Table.

Acadian Memorial Foundation invites the public to its Genealogy 101 held Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the public library in St. Martinville.

Our President read us a letter from Family Search Organization sighting the contribution of our members who put time and effort into editing the 1950 Census. Time spent by our club members was greatly appreciated.

Future speakers in coming months are:

- Shera LaPoint – DNA – How to Begin – February
- Wade Falcon – Rayne, Jennings (west of the railroad), Scott area – March
- Warren Perrin – Museum in Erath – Living Legends Honors – April
  - Induction of Elaine Larcade Bourque and Gayle Breaux Smith
- Louisiana Secretary of State – Archive
  - Road trip on a Saturday to the State Archives for members only

### **Presentation of Speakers**

#### **Genealogy Basics and Beyond**

##### How to Begin

Joan Boudreaux shared resources on how to start searching for your family's ancestors. She encouraged us to cite where you find the pertinent records, and always to back up the work you have done.

Marc Andrepont showed members and guests present how to use Facebook to further your research.

Henry Peterson explained how to use numbered pedigree charts, details of using citations, and a bit about use of DNA in finding relatives. Henry manages Our Family History (<https://www.hpeterjr.us/>) a website he created to help users find maternal and paternal ancestors.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and seconded, thus the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the statement of the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner

Secretary