

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, February 16, 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 was extended to all, and first time guests were recognized: Etha Simien Amling, President of the Imperial St. Landry Genealogical and Historical Society, her husband, Juergen Amling, and Leslie Patrick.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Joan Boudreaux announced that the minutes for the January, 2023 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made by Henry Peterson, seconded by Marc Andrepont, 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:

TREASURER'S REPORT January 2023		
Beginning Balance		\$4,498.50
Dues		\$60.00
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		\$5.00
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)		
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book		
Project (Sec. of State)		
Ending Balance		\$4,563.50

New Members for 2023		0
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)		34

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

A motion was made by Marc Andrepont, seconded by Henry Peterson, and voted on affirmatively by members present to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January, 2023.

Old Business

Joan Boudreaux acknowledged the work of members to help the public with any genealogical questions every Tuesday (Genealogy Tuesdays) from 9:00 to 11:30 AM at the downtown library. Joan pointed out that this coming Tuesday, February 21,st there would be no meeting due to the celebration of Mardi Gras and library closure that day. All other proceeding Tuesdays are unaffected.

The first Saturday of every month (Genealogy Round-Table) affords an opportunity to gather together and to 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 will continue this coming month on March 4, 2023 at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

New Business

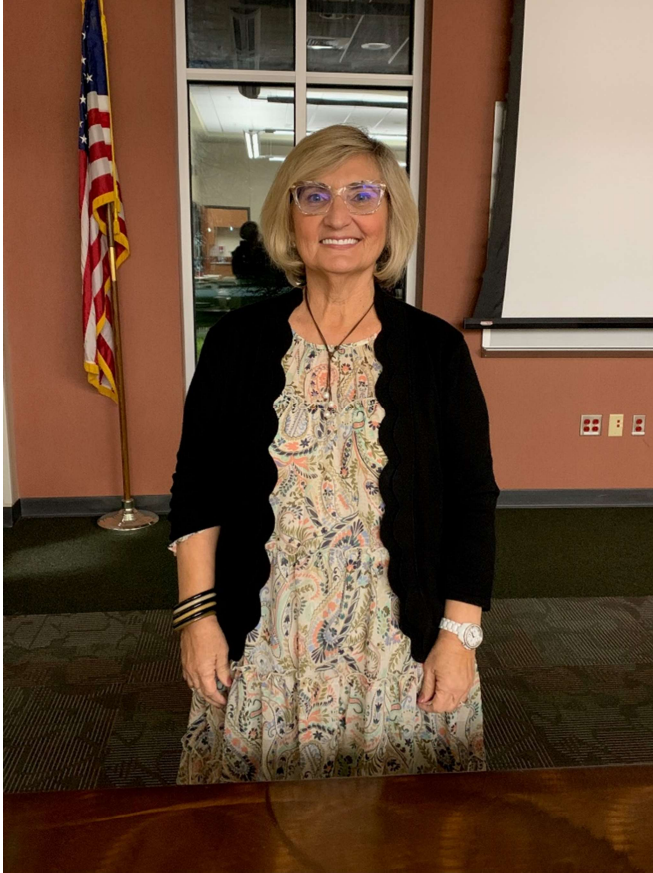
The Acadian Memorial Foundation is sponsoring its Annual Heritage Festival, Saturday, March 18, 2023 in downtown St. Martinville. It starts at 9:30 AM and wraps up at noon. LGS (Lafayette Genealogy Society) will have an information table set up to answer questions the public may have. Family recognition 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. More information on this event may be gleaned from the AMF website: www.acadianmemorial.org

Future speakers in coming months are:

- Wade Falcon – Rayne, Jennings (west of the railroad), Scott area – March
- Warren Perrin – Museum in Erath – Living Legends Honors (Numerous current and past members have received this designation)– April
 - Induction of Elaine Larcade Bourque and Gayle Breaux Smith
- Carol Hardy – Opelousas – May (TENTATIVE)
- Raconteur – Writing life stories and featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show – June (TENTATIVE)

Presentation of Speakers

Shera Broussard LaPoint



Shera Broussard LaPoint, also known as, the GENE HUNTER (<http://www.thegenehunter.com>) is a genetic genealogist with a passion for bringing families together, and helping law enforcement agencies solve crimes as a genetic investigator. She is the founder of The Gene Hunter, LLC, specializing in investigative Genetic Genealogy, biological searches, and DNA assessments. Shera, now a popular lecturer and professional genealogist, has helped solve hundreds of cases reuniting adoptees with their biological families. Shera was noted and praised by the League City, TX Police Department for helping to solve some of the decades-old *Killing Fields* murder cases.

Shera began by defining genetic genealogy, and sharing the benefits of having your DNA tested. She pointed out the different DNA testing companies, and showed how they differ in focus, so anyone interested can make a satisfactory choice. Shera shared *The Family Tree: Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger as a primary resource. After her interesting lecture, she opened the floor to questions and further discussion.

The powerpoint slides from LaPoint's Presentation, along with two handouts will be attached under the "Members Only Section" - "Speaker Handouts" - on the Society's website.

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 February 16, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner

Secretary