

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, March 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. Special thoughts were extended to the family of Everett Thompson, long-time member and former webmaster, who recently passed away.

A welcome was extended to all, and there were no first time guests noted.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

A motion was made by Marc Andrepont, seconded by Henry Peterson, 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 February 2023		
Beginning Balance		\$4,563.50
Dues		
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		-148.24
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)		
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book BOX RENT		
Project (Sec. of State)		
Ending Balance		\$4,415.26

New Members for 2023		2
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)		42

The new members for this month are: Sindi and Bruce Terrien.

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

A motion was made by an LGS member present, seconded by another member, and voted on affirmatively by all members to approve the Treasurer's Report for February, 2023. The report was accepted.

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 service is continuing and enjoyed by clients every week.

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 Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This meeting has been moved to Room 3A at the library on the third floor.

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. Reenactment of the arrival of Acadians to Louisiana will take place along the Vermilion River in boats similar to the ones originally used. A reception to celebrate the beginning of the festival will be held at the Acadian Memorial Foundation Museum on the evening before the event, Friday, March 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM in downtown St. Martinville. 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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM, Louisiana Public Broadcasting Company (LPB) will stage and produce a Community Outreach program designed to demonstrate the technology used to research genealogy. The panel will feature Henry Peterson who will share his knowledge. Marc Andrepont encouraged all of us to attend this meeting as participants and members of an audience. The program may or may not be televised.

Future speakers in coming months are:

- 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
- Raconteur – Writing life stories and featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show – June

Presentation of Speakers

Wade Falcon



Wade Falcon, a professional engineer by occupation, spoke to LGS using his second job of choice, historian and researcher of core Acadiana topics including Cajun music and the genealogy of the peoples of the Canary Islands. Wade's talk this day was on the history of the city of Rayne, LA.

He shared the many interesting events that led to Rayne's settlement and development all based upon the people who made Rayne their home from the very beginning. He said that this town like many others across the country at the time, were greatly influenced by the advent of the railroad system and its builders. BWL Rayne, a name that came up frequently in his personal studies, was the initial person of interest, and where his journey of discovery began. The outline of his compelling lecture is on the LGS website in the Members Only section *Speaker Handouts*.

Wade is the Vice-President of the Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana.

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 March 16, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner

Secretary