

**Lafayette Genealogical Society**  
**General Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**April 20, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, April 20, 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-elect, Marc Andrepont, 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 four new guests were recognized. Attendance was 31 members and guests.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The President-elect announced that the minutes for the March, 2023 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as written, seconded, and unanimously voted on in the affirmative 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 March, 2023</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$4,415.26	
Dues	\$400.00	
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)		
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book BOX RENT		
Project (Sec. of State)		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,815.26</b>	

New Members for 2023		2
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)		47

There were no new members for this month.

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 March, 2023. The report was accepted.

### **Old Business**

Marc 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. Marc pointed out that this service is continuing and enjoyed by clients every week. He mentioned that if members would like to help they are encouraged and are needed.

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, May 7, 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**

No new business was discussed at this time. No new business was brought up from the floor.

Future speakers in coming months are:

- Carol Hardy – Opelousas – May
- Raconteur Company – Writing life stories and featured on the Kelly Clarkson Show – June

### **Presentation of Speakers**

Warren Perrin from the Acadian Museum of Erath was speaker of the month.

Warren is a distinguished advocate for the preservation of the Acadian heritage, which is evident in his many contributions to that endeavor. He has served as past President of CODOFIL 1994-2010. He is an accomplished writer, and has penned *Acadie Then and Now: A People's History*, and *Seeking an Acadian Nation: the 1930 Diary of an Evangeline Girl*.

Warren used the Lafayette Genealogical Society Meeting to speak of the important contributions of two members of LGS, to recognize their role in the furtherance of the Acadian culture and heritage

worldwide. These two were inducted into the Order of Living Legends, and were given honor and appreciation from all present.

**Gayle Breaux Smith**, the first Order of Living Legends inductee, was praised for her lifetime work in promoting Acadie. She did this through education, sharing who the Acadian people were and still are today. Through years of volunteer work she has worn the hat as docent, spokeswoman, genealogist, and ambassador of Acadian culture. Her mission has taken her to Canada and France learning and spreading her knowledge.



Gayle Breaux Smith and Warren Perrin

The Acadian Museum of Erath's second Order of Living Legends inductee was **Elaine Larcade Bourque**. Elaine balanced a love of the old Acadian language and tradition with her natural talent in crafting cloth from raw cotton. Her procuring of an antique spinning wheel was just the beginning. She learned the traditional way of spinning and weaving from a descendant of the original Acadians, and began to use what the women used when they got to Louisiana in the 1700's, brown cotton. She has taken her traditional craft far and wide to demonstrate this art. She now is teaching the "old" way, and is growing brown cotton to use.



Elaine Larcade Bourque and Warren Perrin

A reception followed the induction.

### **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 April 20, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner

Secretary