

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, May 18, 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. There were 19 members and visitors in attendance with no new guests.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

A motion was made by Paul Manuel, and seconded by Allen Matte, to accept the minutes as written. There was a unanimous vote in the affirmative to approve the minutes as posted on the LGS site, and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

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

TREASURER'S REPORT April, 2023		
Beginning Balance	\$4,815.26	
Dues	\$100.00	
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)		
Ending Balance	\$4,915.26	

New Members for 2023	3	
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)	72	
Pending	13	85

There were no new members for this month.

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

A motion was made by Allen Matte, seconded by Paul Manuel, and voted on affirmatively by all members to approve the Treasurer's Report for April, 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 9:30 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. Marc commented that Henry Peterson, our Helper in Chief, had been out several weeks due to illness. He reported to us that Henry is now better, and will resume his regular schedule at the library very soon.

The first Saturday of every month (Genealogy Round-Table/Genealogy 101) 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 next month on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM provided the library is open. There will be **NO GENEALOGY 101** in the month of June.

Anyone interested in presenting information (past or current) pertaining to relevant genealogy whether established fact or ongoing research, you are welcome to do so. You are able to present your findings at the meeting of your choice. Just make your intentions to share what you are working on with any of the board members so it can be scheduled.

Les Memoirs (our club's annual publication) is now in its formative stage. If you want to contribute to this publication, please do. Now is the time to begin thinking about your submission. It is due in November to either Kathy Pellerin or Warren LeBlanc. Last year, there were three contributing members.

Next month's meeting will be June 15, 2023. Scheduled speakers are the Raconteur Company spokespersons who write life stories. The company has been featured on the Kelly Clarkson's Show.

New Business

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

Presentation of Speakers

Our speaker of the month was Carola Lillie Hartley. Carola is a historian and genealogist by background, and a prolific writer. She has been the publisher of the St. Landry Parish newspaper for many years, and has written more than thirteen books and manuscripts. She spoke to us about the information that she placed in her latest book, *Opelousas, Images of America, 2022*.

Carola's publication gives a history of Opelousas and the entire region in St. Landry Parish. Much can be understood about her and her writings on her Facebook page, Carola Lillie Hartley. She can be reached at carolahartley@aol.com.



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 May 18, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary