

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, August 17, 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. Joan Boudreaux, President, called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested 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. Joan introduced guest visitors Michael Hebert and Gerry Breaux. There were 22 participants in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

A motion was made by Henry Peterson, 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 July, 2023		
Beginning Balance	\$5,100.40	
Dues		
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	\$5, 100.40	

New Members for 2023	9	
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)	94	
Pending	2	96

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 Marc Andrepont, and voted on affirmatively by all members present to approve the Treasurer's Report for July, 2023. The report was accepted.

Old Business

Our President, Joan Boudreaux, 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, 3rd Floor, Room 3A. She pointed out that this service is continuing and enjoyed by clients every week.

The first Saturday of every month (Genealogy Round-Table/Genealogy 101) affords an opportunity to gather together 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, September 2nd at the downtown library from 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

New Business

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. Your work is valuable and should be shared. If you are working on a family tree, family stories, or anything at all, you can turn it into Kathy Pellerin or Warren LeBlanc, and is due in November.

Next month's meeting will be September 21, 2023.

In November's meeting there will be nomination of LGS Officers for 2024. Be thinking about who you would like to see serve in the officer positions, including yourself. Henry Peterson shared how important it was to be the one to stand in the gap, and serve in our worthy organization. He said that if we do not participate, we are in danger of losing our club and the benefits of furthering knowledge and information about genealogy and genealogical practices. Prepare to come to nominate yourself or a fellow member for officer position.

December meeting will again be our Christmas celebration/Installation of Officers. It will be held December 14th at 6:00 PM at the library in our normal meeting room. Members are to bring a covered dish to share. A sign-up sheet for this affair will be circulated at the November meeting.

Future speakers will be:

- September – State Archives will be discussed and how to search the records housed there with a possible field trip to follow.
- October – Warren Perrin will present archaeological evidence recently found regarding the first Acadian settlements.

Presentation of Speakers

LGS enjoyed the words of two member authors, Donna Latiolais and Kathy Higginbotham. They spoke about the history of Carencro, Louisiana as they wrote in their work *Images of America, Carencro*.

The ladies shared that “the city of Carencro is nestled in the heart of Cajun country in southern Louisiana. The earliest date in the records of the St. Pierre Genealogical Society is 1765, when exiled Acadians settled in the Attakapas District in an area then known as the Carencro Prairie. Many arrived under a cattle agreement, but settlers also desired to farm the land of the prairie. From the beginning, the area has been rich in faith, strong in personality, and successful from years of surviving the trials of life. The prairie was later called St. Pierre, the French name for St. Peter. Today, St. Peter's Catholic Church sits in the hub of the city, as it has for decades. As the years have passed, Carencro has stayed true to its founding fathers. It is a place that constantly grew and embraced change while staying steadfast in the faith that was brought by the first settlers.” Their presentation was interspersed with pictures, maps, and stories and truly enjoyed by all.



Donna Latiolais

Kathy Higginbotham

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded, and agreed upon to end the meeting.

This concludes the statement of the minutes of the August 17, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary