

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, September 21, 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. There were 20 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

A motion was made by Marc Andrepont, 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 August, 2023		
Beginning Balance		\$5,100.40
Dues		\$60.00
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		\$5, 160.40

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 August, 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, October 7th 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 October 19, 2023. Warren Perrin, a Living Legend Award recipient, will speak to us about the archaeological work that has been ongoing in the Saint Martinville area regarding the first Acadian settlements.

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. Speaker for this meeting will be Francis Boustany sharing the contributions of the Lebanese community in the development of south Louisiana. Voting for 2024 LGS Officers will take place.

December meeting (December 14th) will again be our Christmas celebration/Installation of Officers held 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.

Presentation of Speakers

Our speaker this month was our own Joan Boudreaux. Joan's expertise in legal record research in many a clerk of court office across the state led her to share her knowledge of how to do our own genealogical research using court documents. She said the Louisiana State Archives contains a wealth of information, and she walked us through how we can search the records from our computers, and then order these records from them.



Joan began with a little background tutorial about accessing records at the state building. Location on the web is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mx2RG1px4bE>

All records are early ones dating from 1811-1900, and include birth, death, and marriage records.

Website to begin: <https://www.sos.la.gov>

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 September 21, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary