

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2023

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, October 19, 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 28 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

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

A motion was made by Allen Matte, and seconded by Marc Andrepont 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 September, 2023		
Beginning Balance	\$5,160.40	
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	\$5,160.40	

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 September, 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.

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 submit your work. 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 November 16, 2023. Francis Boustany will speak about Lebanese migration to Louisiana. It will include the why and how Lebanese culture has had an impact on the development of the Lafayette area. November 16th there will be voting for LGS Officers 2024. Be thinking about who you would like to see serve in the officer positions, including yourself.

December meeting (December 14th) will again be our Christmas celebration and installation of Officers held at 6:00 PM at the library in our normal meeting room. This date is the second Thursday of the month. 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

Warren Perrin who was to speak this evening was ill and unable to attend. In his place, Dr. Mark Rees, ULL Professor of Social Sciences, professional Archaeologist, and the Director of the Louisiana Public Archaeology Lab at ULL, spoke about the New Acadia Project in which he is involved. The main focus of the project is to find the first settlement of the Acadian people who were forced out of Canada in 1765, and obtain recognition by UNESCO as being a World Heritage Site. This site is located in Iberia Parish

along the Teche Ridge. Dr. Rees said it should be linked to Grand-Pre, Nova Scotia, from where the Cajuns' ancestors sought refuge from the ethnic cleansing begun by the British in 1755.



Dr. Mark Rees

More information can be obtained from www.facebook.com/NewAcadiaProject, and Louisiana Public Archaeology Lab website at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Contact information for Dr. Rees is rees@louisiana.edu.

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 October 19, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary