

**Lafayette Genealogical Society**  
**General Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, November 16, 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 46 members and guests in attendance, some of whom were of Lebanese descent.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

The President announced that the minutes for the October, 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 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:

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT October, 2023</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$5,160.40	
Dues	\$40.00	
Books sold/Donations	\$30.00	
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)	-12.95	
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book BOX RENT	-273.00	
Project (Sec. of State)	(\$15,00)	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4, 929.45</b>	

New Members for 2023	13	
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)	93	
Pending	2	95

New members for this month are Michael Hebert and Frank & Clara Summers.

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

A motion was made by an LGS member, seconded by another, and voted on affirmatively by all members present to approve the Treasurer's Report for October, 2023. The report was accepted.

Special acknowledgement was then extended to our long time treasurer, Warren LeBlanc, for his unwavering service to our group. Warren served us well in that capacity for 38 years. He has kept us fiscally sound with his meticulous record keeping, and accurate reporting. He has always acted on our behalf with excellent practices and integrity. Not only has Warren been our treasurer, but has had a hand in the Cemetery Project, Find A Grave, and Membership List, and coordinated it with our website. Warren has had oversight over our storage facility, yearly publication, yearly banquet, and officer installation for many, many years. This year he will step down from being our treasurer, but will continue to provide vital guidance, and stay involved in whatever capacity he chooses. THANK YOU, Warren LeBlanc!

### **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 3A. She pointed out that this service is continuing and enjoyed by clients every week. This is a free service.

### **New Business**

*Les Memoirs* (our club's annual publication) submissions are now due. If you want to contribute to this publication, please do this week. 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 Warren LeBlanc or any officer.

Officer Slate for 2024 is:

President	Marc Andrepont
Vice-President	Joan Boudreaux
Treasurer	Jim Todd
Secretary	Cindy Landry

New Officers were elected for the LGS 2024 Year unanimously. They will be installed at the Holiday Party, December 14<sup>th</sup>, the second Thursday of December, at the library in the LGS meeting room.

LGS needs a person to man the Hospitality Chair. Duties are simple and easy. Please let Joan or Marc your willingness to serve in this capacity.

Next month's meeting will be December 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM. It will be a potluck.

Speakers for January and February will lecture on how to do a genealogy search.

December meeting (December 14<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### **Presentation of Speakers**

Francis Boustany, M.D. was our speaker for the evening. He shared his Lebanese heritage with us, and told his unique story of how his ancestors came to Louisiana, and what they did when they got here. He began when they came in the 1880's, sharing interesting details of what happened after coming through Ellis Island. Francis's ancestor was Rasheed Saloom-elkik, and after leaving Ellis Island, was Rasheed Saloom. Two things led these pioneers to Louisiana, their French language, and Catholic faith, both held in common with Louisianians which was well known to the Lebanese people. Crowley was the first town of their settlement. Their contributions are in many professional endeavors, many immigrants began sharing their culture through food and restaurantering.



Dr. Francis Boustany

Francis is one of the descendants of the first Lebanese immigrant, and another is Kip Saloom, owner of Tabouli's Restaurant.

**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 November 16, 2023 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Huner, Secretary