

**Lafayette Genealogical Society**  
**General Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**January 18, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, January 18, 2024, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room. Our Vice-President, Joan Boudreaux, called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed to honor the deceased, our ancestors, and members who are no longer with us.

A welcome was given to all by the Vice-President. There were 14 members and guests in attendance.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Our Vice-President announced that the minutes for the November, 2023 meeting were online and available for review on the <http://lalg.org> website.

A motion was made and seconded and voted on affirmatively by all present to approve the minutes as posted on the LGS website, and to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

LGS Treasurer, Warren LeBlanc compiled and gave the Treasurer's Report for November, 2023. It reads as follows:

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT November 2023</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$4,929.45	
Dues		
Books sold/Donations		
Supplements sold		
Acadian Project		
BANQUET		
Publication expense		
Speaker Meals		
Banquet Expenses		
Office expense (Web site)	-149.88	
Other expenses/Rent		
Library book		
Project (Sec. of State)		
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,779.57</b>	
New Members for 2023		13
TOTAL MEMBERS (Paid)		93
Pending		2
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Member Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer.

A motion was made by Joan Boudreaux, seconded by Henry Peterson, and voted on unanimously to accept the report.

## **Old Business**

Our Vice-President, Joan Boudreaux, acknowledged the work of the 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. This service will not be happening on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 due to Mardi Gras holiday.

## **New Business**

Dues are due for 2024. Dues are \$20. It will be possible to pay on Lafayette Genealogical Society website in the future but not now.

Acadian Memorial Festival will be March 16, 2024. There will be a genealogy table. This Festival is honoring the Cormier's and Dupuis'.

## **Presentation of Speaker**

The speaker for the meeting was Henry Peterson, a member of the Lafayette Genealogical Society. Henry's focus was using "Our Family History", the free genealogy website he created and the data collected which is available on the site. He explained how to request a user account, proceeded going live on this website of massive collection of genealogical information for the past 40 years. Presently the number of individuals recorded totaled 741,053. Everyone was encouraged to browse the website and let Henry know if you want to add or correct information. He updates this website every 7 – 10 days.

Henry also discussed the importance of properly sourcing research as proof of genealogical evidence. He explained different ways to create a master source from software package templates and what information that should be included.



**Henry Peterson**

## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and seconded. The members present were all in favor thus the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the statement of the minutes of the January, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary