

Lafayette Genealogical Society  
General Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, March 21, 2024 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. Marc Andrepont, President, called the meeting to order. He 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 15 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the February 2024 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society <http://LALGS.org> website.

A motion was made 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

February 2024 –

Beginning Balance – 2/1/24 - \$4,678.33

Income –

Dues - \$220.00

Expenses –

Storage Space Rental - **\$79.00**

Ending Balance – 2/29/24 - \$4,819.33

The Treasurer's report will also be available online beginning February 2024.

New Members and Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer, Jim Todd.

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 February 2024.

Old Business

Dues are due for 2024. Dues are \$20.

Genealogy 101 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month. Will resume April 6 (which it should be based on their current calendar.) at the Downtown Library, Room 3A 9:30-10:30 AM.

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library from 9:30AM-11:30AM. – Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Julie Hernandez will be by herself. If anyone can help it will be appreciated.

Anyone interested in presenting information (past or current) pertaining to relevant genealogy whether established fact or research, will be welcomed to deliver their findings at any meeting of choice. Make your intentions to present what you are working on known to any of the board members so it can be scheduled.

### New Business

There is a need for new Officers for 2025. People need to step up to volunteer to be an Officer, so please ask Marc Andrepont, Joan Boudreaux or Julie Hernandez about these positions. Joan is President-Elect for 2025. A new President for will be needed for 2026.

Acadian Memorial Festival was held March 16, 2024. Julie Hernandez stated that it was a fun day. People were interested in genealogy. Julie and Joan helped by showing them how to look up people.

Next month's meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2024. William Thibodeaux will be the Speaker.

### Presentation of Speakers

Julie Hernandez was the Speaker. Her presentation was "Making Sense of the US Census". She included a brief history of when the Census began with the first one beginning in 1790, taken every ten years to the most present one released in 2022 for the 1950 Census. She showed us examples of how she searched the Census to trace some of her relatives and what questions were asked on each. She elaborated on these records being released to the public 72 years after being recorded. They are confidential but records can be accessed upon special request. A couple of websites to access Census records online included <https://www.census.gov/history> - the National Archives are maintained here and it is free. Another website is [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) – this allows free access to Census records. Ancestry website, which is [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com), allows access to these records as well but a membership must be purchased. She ended her presentation with answering various questions from members. Her presentation was educational and informative of how to use the Census data as a genealogical research tool.



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 March 21, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary