

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, May 16, 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 several guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the April 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

April 2024 –

Beginning Balance – 4/1/24 - \$4,800.33

Income –

Dues - \$60.00

Expenses –

Storage Space Rental - **\$79.00**

Ending Balance – 4/30//24 - \$4,781.33

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 April 2024.

Old Business

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

Genealogy 101 – 1st Saturday of each Month. The last meeting was held May 4 at the Downtown Library, Room 3A 9:30-10:30 AM. There will be **no** Genealogy 101 meeting held in the month of **June**. We will resume on Saturday July 7.

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library from 9:30AM-11:30AM.

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 that it can be scheduled.

New Business

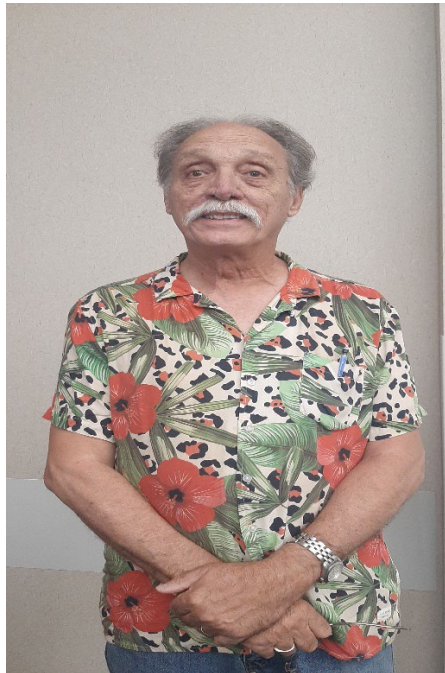
Henry Peterson, long time LGS member, will be honored for Hall of Fame Living Legend in July 2024.

New Landry Family Association – need to get it going. Melba Lormand, contact person, has forms if you are interested in joining. Her e-mail is cajunlibrarian2001@yahoo.com.

Next Month's meeting is June 20.

Anticipated speaker to be announced.

Presentation of Speakers



Barry Jean Ancelet, Professor Emeritus of Francophone Studies, UL Lafayette was the Speaker. He spoke about his Ancelet family's immigration to Louisiana. He also spoke about Ancelet and Maynard Families stories, photos and genealogies. He has contributed to many oral and written publications. More oral publications exclusively than written because older generations didn't have access to writing.

He stressed the importance of stories because we remember narratives as that is how our memory works. This is how he learned about South Louisiana culture through stories. He took along a tape recorder and tracked people down to get their stories. South Louisiana population is very diverse and complex and many people don't think about this.

These stories made his family Genealogy tree come to life. Family stories can make your family tree come to life as well. It is important to cast the net wide to get these stories! This preserves history for younger generations. He told one story of how his Grandfather sold whiskey, he couldn't make it but was a great salesperson and had unique sales skills.

Dr. Ancelet's stories are written down with Codifil, located within the Center for Louisiana Studies, which can help you digitize stories. Described from the UL Lafayette website (www.louisiana.edu) "*The Center for Louisiana Studies is dedicated to researching, publicizing, promoting, and preserving Louisiana's cultures and history. Since 1973, the Center has worked not only to preserve the state's rich heritage, but also to make it accessible to scholars, students, and the general public.*" The Center is located in the Roy House at the corner of Johnston Street and University Avenue. Christopher Segura, Archivist and John Sharp, Assistant Director for Research, can assist you.

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 May 16, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary