

Lafayette Genealogical Society  
General Monthly Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, July 18, 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 22 members and 5 guests in attendance (including the Speaker).

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the June 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 will be published in our minutes for this month's meeting and posted on our website next week.

June 2024 –

Beginning Balance – 6/1/24 - \$4,742.33

Income –

Dues - \$20.00

Expenses –

Storage Space Rental - **\$79.00**

Supplies - **\$7.99**

Ending Balance – 6/30/24 - \$4,675.34

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 June 2024.

## Old Business

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

Genealogy 101 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month. Held at the Downtown Library, Room 3A 9:30-10:30 AM. Will continue on August 3, 2024.

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 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

Our very own, Henry Peterson has been nominated for the ACADIANA MUSEUM'S "Living Legends". The event will take place in St. Martinville at the ACADIAN MEMORIAL. Friends and family are invited - RSVP required. Let Henry or Joan Boudreaux know if you plan to attend.

Next Month's meeting is August 15.

August speaker will be David Landry.

## Presentation of Speaker



Kevin Rees was the Speaker, and introduced himself as a history buff, oil and gas attorney, UL and LSU Grad and also a French Tour Guide at Vermilionville Living History Museum (also stated on his LinkedIn profile). He is interested in genealogy and has researched 72 families.

He spoke about the Early French Colonial History of Louisiana from 1699 to 1763: What is now Louisiana was claimed by Spain, so how and when did it become French? He spoke of Louisiana's early history beginning with the 1<sup>st</sup> Explorer, LaSalle, and several others between the French, Spanish and English and also their interactions with the Native Americans, who were already living in this territory. He spoke about Bienville, the Governor of Louisiana 4 times, the Casket Girls and how creole cooking began with the Native Americans. Life in Louisiana was brutal during this time period as many in North Americans died of European diseases. He stressed that history is the foundation of Louisiana today. He also displayed several books on the table about the history that he spoke of.

The titles of these books included: *Iberville's Gulf Journals*; *Africans in Colonial Louisiana*; *A*

*History of French Louisiana; Indians, Settlers & Slaves in A Frontier Exchange Economy The Lower Mississippi Valley Before 1783 and Fleur de Lys & Calumet.*

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 July 18, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary