

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, August 15, 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 16 members and guests in attendance (including the Speaker).

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the July 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 - Jim Todd is out of town, therefore, the Treasurer's report will be deferred until he returns.

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

Old Business

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

Genealogy 101 – 1st Saturday of each Month. Held at the Downtown Library, Room 3A 9:30-10:30 AM. Will continue on Saturday September 7, 2024.

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library, 3rd 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

There is a new festival being held this year. The West Bank Hispanic Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans. It is described as a community centered event that provides a platform for local artisans, musicians and performers to showcase their talents while offering a space for businesses and community organizations to engage with the public. This family friendly festival will feature music, dance, food and art,

highlighting the vibrancy of Hispanic cultures in our region. Attendees of all ages will enjoy traditional games, crafts, live performances and delicious food. Look for more information as we get closer to that date.

Next month's meeting is September 19, 2024.

September Speaker will be Chad LeBlanc, President Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana.

Does anyone want to take over the Cemetery Project or the Publication, Les Memories? If interested contact Warren Leblanc at Wvleblanc@bellsouth.net.

Presentation of Speaker



David Landry, LGS Member and former President, was the Speaker. He has been involved in genealogical research for the past 30 years and spoke of how research has evolved during that time period to present. He also showed some items that can be made as a way to preserve genealogical information to pass down to family members. Some of the items that he brought to show was a pillow that his sister had made using their Dad's shirts; a book of old family photos made from Shutterfly; a framed print in pedigree chart form of his family tree created from a Gedcom file. He also passed around a book that he made (he has not yet been published) using Family Tree Maker. He imported this information into Ancestral Quest, each person is assigned a number and that helps when writing a book. He also showed and talked about various family pictures and articles included in his book. There's a lot of stuff that can be done with genealogical information. Lastly, he ended his presentation by explaining and writing a chart on the board about how to determine family relations – first cousins have the same grandparents, second cousins have the same great-grandparents, third cousins have the same great-great-grandparents, etc.

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 August 15, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary