

Lafayette Genealogical Society  
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, September 19, 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 20 members and guests in attendance (including the Speaker).

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the August 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 August 2024 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each Month. Held at the Downtown Library, Room 3A 9:30-10:30 AM. Will continue on Saturday, October 5, 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

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.

Elections – November meeting. Joan Boudreaux is current President-elect. Cindy Landry, Secretary, Jim Todd, Treasurer. We need nominations for Vice-President.

Marc Andrepont will take over the Cemetery Project. Will anyone be interested in taking over the Publication, Les Memories? If interested contact Warren Leblanc at [Wvleblanc@bellsouth.net](mailto:Wvleblanc@bellsouth.net).

Next month's meeting is October 17, 2024.

Possible video presentation or surprise guest speaker for October.

### Presentation of Speaker

The Speaker was Chad LeBlanc, President of Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana. Chad grew up in Pierre Part and has a life long interest in history and computers. The Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana was founded in 1996. Many people do not know about this because it is not taught



in schools. His presentation included 40 slides beginning with some Canary Islander surnames such as Acosta, Albarado, Carbo, Domingue, Falcon, Hernandez, Medine, Plaisance, Truxillo, Rodriguez, Sanchez and quite a few others. The Canary Islands consist of seven different Islands. Beautiful photos of these Islands were included. An active volcano is on one Island's highest point. People left these Islands due to economic decline and came to Louisiana. He spoke about the Galvez Timeline, including Galveztown along the Amite River and Bayou Manchac and Spanish Town. He is the author of several books, one titled "The Islenos of Pierre Part" is about the genealogies of his classmates. "Back in the Day" is an art book of paintings of old businesses in Pierre Part. "The Roots of the Bayou" is about Acadian and Island families with true historical information and has good online reviews. Finally, "The Families of Pierre Part and Belle River" discusses the genealogies of 50 families. His group meets quarterly at the Blue Bonnet Public Library in Baton Rouge. The website is <https://www.canaryislanders.org>.

### 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 September 19, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary