

Lafayette Genealogical Society  
General Monthly Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2024

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, October 17, 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 26 members and guests in attendance (including the Speaker).

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the September 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 September 2024 minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is available online at LGS website.

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.

Elections – November meeting. Joan is current President-Elect. Cindy will continue as Secretary and Jim will continue as Treasurer.

Need nominations in October for President-Elect and V-President

### New Business

One of the speakers for 2025 will be Barbara Guillory. She will be speaking on either DAR or DNA as she has experience in presenting both.

Acadian Museum in Erath will hold a Fundraiser on November 15, 2024 at the Erath Community Building.

Next month's meeting is November 21, 2024.

Presenter will be Tim Wescott, Administrator of the Facebook page – Historic St. Martinville – “Petit Paris”

### Presentation of Speaker

The Speaker, Gloria Toth, detailed the journey to find her roots using genetic genealogy. As you can imagine, being adopted presents challenges to finding your ancestry. Gloria and both of her parents were adopted! Gloria told about how she was able to unravel this complex mystery with the help of DNA. You may find particular interest in the American Indian heritage she has discovered, among other cultures. Gloria has a most interesting story. She was born in Baton Rouge and adopted in New Orleans when she



was 3 years old. Her adoptive parents were always open about this. She began researching her birth family genealogy in about 2015 after both of her adoptive parents had died. Through DNA testing she was able to find her birth mother, who was also looking for her. She was able to meet her birth mother, who provided her with a photo of her birth Dad. In addition to her birth parents, she discovered many other relatives via Ancestry DNA and connected with some while others were not interested in connecting, which is always a risk that happens from DNA genealogy research. She explained about how DNA tells how close a person is related to others by CM's or Centimorgans (a measure of DNA), the higher the percentage of CM's, the closer the family relationship likely exists. Some companies that test DNA for those interested in pursuing this route included: My Heritage; 23 & Me; GedMatch; Family Tree DNA; and Ancestry.

### 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 October 17, 2024 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary