

Lafayette Genealogical Society  
General Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2025

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, March 20, 2025 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. Joan Boudreaux, President, called the meeting to order. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence to honor all who are deceased, including our ancestors and members who are no longer with us.

A welcome was extended to all. There were approximately 25 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The President announced that the minutes for the January 2025 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 January 2025 minutes (February 2025 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer is not at tonight's meeting but the President is prepared to provide an update.

Expenses have been reduced by eliminating our storage unit rental and post office box; our costs include hosting of our website and the wonderful database established and maintained by Henry Peterson.

Dues are due for 2025 - \$20 per couple payable now through the next couple of months.

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

Old Business

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, April 5, 2025.

Genealogy TUESDAYS at Main Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, from 9:30AM – 11:30AM

Thank you is extended to our loyal volunteers: Marc Andrepont, Julie Hernandez, Henry Peterson

Others welcome.

New Business

New Iberia Spanish Festival – April 11 – 13, 2025 – it has been requested that we be there and LGS will have a booth on Saturday, April 12, 2025 inside the Sliman Theatre.

For nine days, October 11-18, 2025, Louisiane-Acadie will host Grand Reveil Acadien, or the Great Acadian Awakening, across Acadiana. (GRA 2025) The purpose of the event is for Acadians from around the world to celebrate the shared culture. The first Congres Modial was held in 1994 and occurs every five years. Congres Mondial involves over a week of family reunions, musical concerts, cultural symposiums, folklife demonstrations, educational events and more. On Tuesday, October 14, designated as “Families Day”, the Lafayette Genealogical Society has been asked to provide genealogy assistance at Vermilionville during this event. Volunteers to assist at our table from 10-4 would be appreciated. Even if just for a few hours.

Binder to Members – taken from storage unit (limit 4 at this time) – various sizes, see me after meeting (cases in my vehicle)

April 2025 presenter may be Michael LeBlanc or perhaps a representative from the New Iberia Spanish Festival regarding Spanish influence in New Iberia.

Next month’s meeting is Thursday, April 17, 2025.

### Presentation of Speaker



Our guest speaker is a life-long Louisiana resident, born in Winn Parish, but only a recent transplant to South Louisiana. With over 46 years of undertaking genealogy and family history through various means and travel to various locations, as well as her substantial involvement with the Daughters of the American Revolution for 24 years, she is more than qualified to speak to us regarding her use of DNA and AI as one of her research aids. Please join me in welcoming Barbara Smith Guillory and requests she elaborates on her genealogy journey.

### 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 March 20, 2025 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary