

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025

Call to Order -

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, August 21, 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 35 members and guests in attendance.

Approval of Previous Minutes -

The Lafayette Genealogical Society meeting scheduled for July 17, 2025 was cancelled; thus, no meeting minutes for July 2025. However, June 19, 2025 meeting minutes will need to be approved at the September meeting as a result of not being timely posted on the Society website for review.

Treasurer's Report -

Current balance is \$4,115.87, after a payment for our society website host fee.

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

Old Business -

E-mail membership list to be purged – If you received an email of our August Newsletter, you are currently on our membership “rolls”; however, we have not reconciled in several years our email list (who received this newsletter) with our actual paid members list. In September, we will reconcile the two lists and purge those prior members from the email list that have not paid their current \$20 membership dues for 2025.

If you are a 2025 paid member and did not get the August newsletter, please verify with Jim Todd if we have your correct email information.

For those interested, membership in the association is \$20 per family per year, with membership payments beginning each new year in January.

We have membership applications in the rear for any new members at a discounted rate of \$10 for the remainder of 2025. Some of the benefits of membership are articulated on our application.

Tuesday Morning Volunteer Assistance Project – Downtown Library, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday on the third floor in the genealogy area – provide assistance for beginners and experienced researchers.

New Business -

For nine days, October 11-18, 2025, Louisiane-Acadie will host Grand Reveil Acadien, or the Great Acadien 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 Mondial 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.

Lafayette Genealogical Society – Call for New Officers – At our November meeting, the Society will be selecting new officers. We are especially in need of a President or Vice-President.

Without new leadership, fresh ideas and dedicated volunteers, our Society cannot continue to thrive. Please consider stepping forward to help ensure that the Lafayette Genealogical Society Remains strong for years to come.

New Iberia Spanish Festival – Donna Gary spoke of this festival to be held on April 17 – 19, 2026. The website for additional information is <http://www.newiberiaspanishfestival.com/>

Louisiana Historical Society is looking for rare cemeteries (there are dozens around the library).

Landry Family Reunion will be held on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at Vermilionville from 5-9 p.m.

Next month’s meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2025.



Guest Speaker -

Chief Sitting Bear, who served as Principal Chief of the Avogel (Avoyelles) Tribe and currently leads the Bear Clan and serves on the Tribal Council was our speaker for the evening. He is known for his work in preserving and promoting the Avogel Language and culture. Chief Sitting Bear, also known by his given name of John Mayeux, shared traditions and customs of his and other Louisiana tribes, and unique Indian genealogical records from Avoyelles Parish. Originally scheduled for July, his presentation was cancelled that evening due to weather issues. We thank him for rescheduling.

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 21, 2025 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Landry, Secretary