

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025

Call to Order -

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, November 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 present.

Approval of Previous Minutes -

The President announced that the minutes for October 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 October 2025 minutes.

Treasurer's Report -

Current balance is \$3,916.74, after expenses of \$76.30 for copies and \$162.83 for two hosting charges..

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

Old Business -

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 –

December Christmas Pot Luck – meal is to be held Thursday, December 18, 2025 in lieu of regular meeting. Everyone is welcome. A sign-up sheet is being passed around listing food categories. There will be no coffee being served, so please bring your own drink inside the conference room. New Officers will be installed. Attendees will be asked to share their most memorable genealogy experience.

In the past, gratuities and other fees had to be paid to City Club, therefore a request for authorization to spend up to \$100 toward Christmas meal as needed and door prizes.

(Discussion from the floor or motion to authorize expenditure)

January 2026 meeting is cancelled due to construction and a conflict at the library of not being able to guarantee this room. Meetings will resume in February 2026.

Email Membership List to be Purged – If you received the newsletter email, you are currently on our membership “rolls”; however, we have not reconciled our current email addresses (who receive this newsletter) with our actual paid members list in several years. Before January 1, 2026, we will reconcile the two lists and purge those members from the email list that have not paid their \$20 membership dues for 2026 by April 1, 2026.

Election of Officers – Our executive board has compiled a slate of prospective officers:

President – Julie Hernandez
Vice-President – Thomas Doyle
Secretary – Liz Hebert
Treasurer – Joan Boudreaux
Public Relations – Vacant
Supplies Person – Vacant

There was a motion made and seconded to accept this slate of officers and a unanimous vote in the affirmative to accept 2026 Officers of Lafayette Genealogical Society

Featured Speaker –



Dr. Thomas Doyle, was raised in New Orleans along the Mississippi River south of Chalmette and is a long-term government research scientist (1989-2007) and manager (2008-present) at the USGS National Wetlands Research Center engaged in field and modeling studies of wetland system. He is a member of Lafayette Genealogical Society. He shared his story about the journey of finding his biological maternal grandparents. His mother was adopted and his presentation began with finding her birth records and had many twists and turns but ended in finding his maternal cousins through DNA, Census records, obits and even getting to meet some cousins from that side of his family.

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 November 20, 2025 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Cindy Landry, Secretary