

Lafayette Genealogical Society

General Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2026

Call to Order-

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, October 15, 2026 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. Julie Hernandez, President called the meeting to order. She requested members to please silence cell phones. Julie Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence to honor all who are deceased, including our ancestor members who are no longer with us.

A welcome was extended to all present.

Approval of Previous Minutes-

Motion to dispense- Reading of the minutes of the September 17, 2026 meeting.

The President announced that the minutes for September 17, 2026 meeting were online and available for review on the Lafayette Genealogical Society www.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 September 17, 2026 minutes.

Treasurer's Report-

Beginning balance \$4,880.51

Expenses Deposits: \$0.00

Member deposit \$0.00

Ending Balance: \$4,880.51

New members and Anniversaries by month are available by request from the Treasurer, Joan Boudreaux.

Motion to accept this report.

Old Business

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

Genealogy 101- First Saturday of every month. The next session date is Saturday, November 7th, 9:30-11:00.

New Business

- Next meeting is Thursday, November 19, speaker is David Landry.
- Suggestions for future speakers.
- Genealogy Tuesdays/Genealogy 101 Report- August patrons -14, September Patrons - 14
- December meeting – December 17th - Christmas Social. At our September meeting, we voted to allocate \$100 to buy chicken and ham from Rouse's for the dinner with everyone bringing a pot luck dish to go along with that. Also, we would like a headcount to determine how much meat to order. There is a sheet that is being passed around tonight so you can add what you are planning to bring to the social.
- Election of officers – Vice President, Thomas Doyle, has accepted the nomination for President; Kim Guidry has accepted nomination for Vice-President; Julie Hernandez has accepted nomination for Secretary; and Joan Boudreaux has accepted nomination for Treasurer. Joan will also continue as our Publicity Chair.
- Seeking volunteer for Hospitality chairman
- Seeking volunteer to update our "Past Speaker List"
- Ask members how are they receiving the newsletter
- Any other business?

Guest Speaker- Our guest speaker is Kevin Rees, Vermilion Parish native, and currently French speaking guide and historian at Vermilionville. (He is also a wonderful storyteller, has great songs to share and leads a French Table at Vermilionville twice a month, among other things.) History of the French settlements in North America usually focuses on the men who explored, settled and governed the New World. But, tonight, Kevin's presentation will focus on the "The Founding Mothers of Nouvelle France", the remarkable women who helped populate and establish French settlements, both in Canada and Louisiana.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded and agreed upon end the meeting.

This concludes the statement of the minutes of the October 15, 2026 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Liz Hebert, Secretary