

Lafayette Genealogical Society

General Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2026

Call to Order-

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, August 20, 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 August 20, 2026 meeting.

The President announced that the minutes for August 20, 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 August 2026 minutes.

Treasurer's Report-

Beginning balance \$4,878.99

Expenses Deposits: \$18.69 for zoom

Member deposit \$20.00

Interest 0.21

Ending Balance: \$4,880.51

Correction for beginning balance for August is \$4,996.92 – Interest added to the balance 0.12.

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, October 3rd, 9:30-11:00.

Frances Doge's Research – her son has decided to keep all of her records.

New Business

- Next meeting is Thursday, October 15, speaker to be determined.
- Updates on recording meetings so they can be viewed by members.
- Suggestions for future speakers.
- Genealogy Tuesdays/Genealogy 101 Report
- We have been asked by the library in Scott to give a presentation on getting started with genealogical research. Currently, the plan is for me to go sometime next year, possibly in January or February.
- Breaux-Guidry-Hebert Reunion on Saturday October 17, 2026, Addis Community Center, 7530 La-1, Addis, LA. I have contact information if anyone wants more information.
- December meeting – Christmas Social – would like help with coordination event. Last year we allocated \$100.00 to buy chicken and ham from Rouse's for the dinner with everyone bringing a pot luck dish to go along with that. Would we like to do that again?
- Upcoming election of officers.
- Any other business?

Guest Speaker-Our guest speaker is Dr. Dana David Gravot who is here from Virginia. Dr. Gravot received her Ph.D. in Francophone Studies from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and has spent years researching faith healer and traditional medicine in her native Louisiana. She has received a Blanton Owen Award from the Library of Congress' American Folk Life Center to continue her research into her heritage and home remedies. She will speak about traditional folk healers in South Louisiana, traiteurs, and the traditions associated with that practice and how it is passed across generations.

Motion to Adjourn

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 September 17, 2026 meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society.

Liz Hebert, Secretary