

Lafayette Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street. The meeting was called to order by President Brenda Fuselier. After a few words of welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence to honor our ancestors and our armed forces. Guests were asked to introduce themselves. They included: Bouton who is researching the Cruder family, Sandra Trahan Daigle researching the Credeur, Daigle and Gotte families and Allen Matte who is researching the Motte, Meaux, Dubois and Mier families. Also attending were Wayne Avant and Paul Manual. President Fuselier took this time to remind everyone of our Tuesday mornings at the Main Library. Volunteers are always needed to help beginners with their research.

The May minutes are on our website. Henry Peterson motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Brenda Thibodeaux seconded the motion. A vote was taken, the motion passed. Members who cannot attend the meetings can keep up with society activity by reading the minutes on-line.

Warren LeBlanc was called upon to give the Treasurer's Report. The May report is listed below:

Beginning Balance	\$5,007.45
Dues Collected	120.00
Books Sold/Donations	
Supplements Sold	
Acadiana Project	
Banquet	
Publication Expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expense	
Office Expense	
Other Expense/Rental	
Library Book Project	
Ending Balance	\$5,127.46

New Members for 2017: 40
Members with dues unpaid: 0 (members with unpaid dues were removed from the roll)

Dues are now due.

New members for last month include Donna and Paul Johnson, Shera LaPoint, Elizabeth and Paul Manuel, Darrell and Cynthia Miller.

There was no discussion on the treasurer's report and Henry Peterson motioned that we accept the report. It was also seconded by Brenda Thibodeaux. A vote was taken and the treasurer's report was accepted.

President Fuselier reminded everyone to be thinking about family trees, stories and pictures for the 2017 issue of Les Memories. We are collecting information and it can be turned into Warren LeBlanc or Kathy Pellerin at any time.

An area teacher who is retiring and down-sizing, gave President Fuselier her copies of the National Genealogy Society quarterly books. She brought a few tonight and everyone is welcome to pick up a copy for review. She will continue to bring copies to each meeting until they are gone.

President Fuselier then related an experience she had at a recent family reunion. Everyone brought their old family pictures. Some of them were in very bad shape and someone told her about having the photos touched up. There are people on Facebook who can do it for you. If anyone has had this done, please let the group whether you would recommend it.

This concluded the business part of the meeting.

Our guest speak of the evening was our own Henry Peterson. His topic tonight was how to navigate his website and how to use Legacy. Henry began by explaining that he had put his presentation on a disc and that the presentation would be about 33 minutes. His only objective is to share the data he has collected. The web address is www.hpeters.us.

He began naturally on the home page where he explained the information found there. You can obtain a free account by registering on the site. His Legacy page is linked to Family Tree, Lafayette Genealogical Society, Our Family Blog, Ancestry.com, Archives.com, Family Search.org, Cyndi's List, Find A Grave, Fold 3, Roots Web, Acadians in Gray and Chronicling America. The presentation gave a short explanation of each of these sites.



Henry Peterson speaks to group

His website also gives a guest access to various printable charts. His talk continued to show how to obtain information and search for individuals by demonstrating typical searches. Henry receives countless request for information from people looking for relatives and advice on how to search. He is motivated by a desire to help others and his personal love of genealogy. He is also considering forming a special interest group to learn how to use Legacy depending on room availability at the library. More information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Henry is also very interested in using DNA as a tool in his work. He wanted to make sure everyone knew that his website is always a work in progress and that if any discrepancies are found, please email him so that he can edit and make corrections if they are warranted. His talk was very informative and well received by members.

At the end of Henry's presentation President Fuselier introduced James Douget from Opelousas. He has recently edited and re-published a book written by his late wife, Susan Burleigh Douget. The name of the book is *Sous Cette Pierre Repose* which translated means Under the Stone Lies. It is a book which contains tombstone inscriptions in the Old St. Landry Church Cemetery in Opelousas, La. The book is \$55 and he had some available for sale.

After this, Brenda Thibodeaux motioned that the meeting be adjourned, it was seconded by Paul Manuel. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Pellerin
Secretary