

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Calice Breaux. The meeting began with a moment of silence honoring our ancestors who have gone before us, our armed forces and everyone affected by the recent flooding. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited and our guests were recognized. Our one guest tonight was Leo Anderson who is researching the Chatman family of Evangeline Parish. President Breaux reported that Treasurer Warren LeBlanc was unable to attend the meeting tonight and could not give finance report. Everyone was asked to sign in on a separate piece of paper to keep track of attendance and it will be used to award door prizes at the end of tonight's presentation. Pete Levergne motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes posted on our website. It was seconded by Brenda Fuselier. There was no objection and the motion passed. President Breaux encouraged everyone to read the minutes on the website.

President Breaux then reminded everyone that family information is needed for our yearly publication. This year Kathy Pellerin will be putting the information together. You can contribute family trees, pictures or stories about your family or your research. Information is due by October 1. The publication will be posted to our website in the Members Only section.

President Breaux then announced that Herb Scheurmann will join the executive committee finding officers for next year.

This ended the business portion of the meeting.

President Breaux then introduced our speaker of the evening, one of our members, Shirley LeBlanc. She introduced her husband John Allen to us. John Allen is well known for the construction of replicas of historical building and homes. She told us how this activity came about with her bringing home a cabin birdhouse from a store. He took a look at it and decided that he could do that and a mission was born. She researched the ownership and history of the buildings and then they went and took physical measurements. He went back to his work shop and built the replicas to scale. They then donated their work to the various owners and museums.

Shirley then showed a video of the various projects, 41 to date. They include the Guilbeau House, Dudley J. LeBlanc home, Acadian Memorial building, Oaklawn Manor, Alexander Mouton House, St. Charles des Mines Church in Canada and others. His latest project is to replicate cupolas and steeples of various buildings. He had a few on display. Shirley made copies of her video and donated the sales to our group. She has them for sale at \$5.00 each. She then answered questions. Door prizes, 2 replicas of an Acadian cabin, were awarded to Julie Hernandez and Lona Bourque.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Pellerin, Secretary