

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, July 21, 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 our police officers who were killed this week. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited. Our guests were recognized. They included Heather Cypel who came to hear our talk this evening so that she could help her daughter who is researching her Duhon family; Patsy Clement Chaisson who is researching her Clement family; Rene Larkin who is researching Claude LaCoste; and Laurel Montagnet who is researching the Lequeue family. President Breaux reported that Treasurer Warren LeBlanc was unable to attend the meeting tonight and could not give finance report. Pete Lavergne motioned that we dispense with the finance report and seconded by Frances Doga. The motion passed and the finance report will be posted on our web site. Pete Peterson motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes posted on our website. It was seconded by Pat Snyder. There was no objection and the motion passed. President Breaux encouraged everyone to read the minutes on the website.

President Breaux then reported that it is getting harder to find speakers for the monthly meetings. The programs have been well received. The Executive Committee would like to assign 3 people per month to meet and find speakers for future meetings.

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.

This ended the business portion of the meeting.

President Breaux then introduced our speaker of the evening, Sam Lollard, a reference librarian at the main library. Sam told us about his experience as a librarian and how the genealogy collection was put together. He began his talk by distributing the floor plan of the genealogy room at the library. A small "x" on the plan showed the beginning. The room has 3 double sided rows of reference material. It begins with Louisiana Non-Circulating. The middle row contains Non-Louisiana, Non-Circulating. The 3rd row contains more Non-Louisiana, Non-Circulating and Louisiana Circulating. He explained the difference between circulating and non-circulating material with non-circulating being material that cannot be checked out and circulating being material that can be check out. Non-circulating material can be taken out of the genealogy room but not out of the library. Books and other material can be requested and sent to other libraries if you cannot go to the main library. Sam explained the Dewey Decimal System and how we can use it to find what we are looking for.

Pete Peterson asked if this power point could be put on our website and Sam agreed to do it.

The side wall contains local history material, both circulating and non-circulating, obituaries, phone books and city directories. The local history section includes books and historical information from

various parishes. The obituaries are photo copies from January 1997 until December 2003. They are contained in 3 ring binders and include an index. The phone books go back to the 1940's up to the present. The directories include Cole publications which list by address and Polk which list people by name. There is also a vertical file on this wall which contains newsletters from various genealogy societies. His is collecting information for this file and anyone can contribute. On top of the vertical file you can find books that can aid you such as: Parish Genealogy Indexes, Non-US Countries Genealogy Indexes, War and Misc. Genealogy Indexes, State (Non-La.) Genealogy Indexes and Family Name Indexes.

The back wall contains Fr. Hebert's books which are circulating. He has over 150 missing pages which he is trying to replace. Please don't cut out pages from these books. Also on the back wall is a microfilm cabinet which contains Louisiana census data, the diary of Joseph Falcon, state death indexes, The Louisiana Gazette, Sanborn Fire Map and the Daily Advertiser from Jan. 1, 1974 to Dec. 31, 2014.

There is a quiet study room on the floor available for use and you can find genealogy periodicals there.

Brenda Thibodeaux reminded us that volunteers are needed on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 12 am to assist people who are just beginning their research.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. .

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Pellerin
Secretary