

# Lafayette Genealogical Society

## Meeting Minutes

### May 17, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in the meeting room of the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Brenda Fuselier due the previous commitment of President Brenda Thibodeux. The meeting began with a few words of welcome to our members thanking them for their attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a moment of silence to honor our ancestors who have gone before us and to remember our men and women serving in the armed forces. VP Fuselier informed everyone of the death of Mary Ann Lavergne, wife of long time member Pete Lavergne. She then recognized our guests and asked them to introduce themselves. They Included: Troy and Debra Southerland who are researching the Munch, Lyonheart and Phillips and other families; Cantrell Bradley Johnson who is researching the Sam, Pete and other families.

Vice President Fuselier reminded everyone that our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday meeting in June would be held at the Southside Library due to a library presentation. She also told everyone that we are still available on Tuesday mornings at the downtown library to aid beginners with genealogy. She then stated that the minutes from the April meeting were on the website and asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes. The motion was made by Henry Peterson and seconded by Buddy Pellerin. The motioned was passed and everyone is encouraged to read the minutes on-line.

Warren LeBlanc was called upon to give the Treasurer's Report for April. It is as follows:

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$5,421.44</b>
Dues	100.00
Books Sold/Donations	
Supplements Sold	

Acadian Project	
Banquet	
Publication Expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expenses	
Office expenses	
Other Expenses/Rent	
Library Book Project	
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$5,521.44</b>

New Members for 2018	18
TOTAL MEMBERS	102
Members with Dues Unpaid	64

New member for this month is:

Brandy LeBlanc

Members with April anniversary of club membership are:

Everett and Norma Thompson	9 years
David and Cindy Landry	7 years
Mildred Meyers	2 years

The treasure's report was accepted and members were reminded that dues are now due.

Vice President Fuselier informed the society that on June 9 there will be a meeting in Rayne regarding recognition of the Old Spanish Trail there. Dr. Eddie Palmer spoke to our group previously regarding the OSP. This was the route from Florida to California used by the Indians and Spanish. It generally follows US 90 and La 180. This group will be organizing with the objective of having signs designating the OSP. This will be an all-day conference with other speakers. The information will be posted to our Facebook Page.

This ended the business part of the meeting.

Vice President Fuselier then introduced our speaker for the evening, Sam Lollar, who is our liaison with the library. His topic tonight is on how to research using the library website.

He began his talk with a demonstration on how to reach several genealogy sites on the library website such as Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry.com (library edition). This can be done by going to “Free Stuff for Our Patrons” at the top of the page. Ancestry.com is the library edition and can be used only at the library and is not available for home use. Heritage Quest is a website where you can research census records, revolutionary war bounty grants and many more. My Heritage Library Edition is also available and this site is a good searching tool. Some newspapers are available as well as Sanborn Maps. All of these are good research sites but a library edition limits how you can build individual trees.

Also discussed were the microfilm holdings of the library including census records, some local newspapers and Sanborn Maps. Sam told us about interlibrary loan services and that the library will make every effort to obtain reference materials that you need,



Sam Lollar shares library services information

Sam then introduced sites on the web that may be helpful. The first was *History at Home, A guide to Genealogy* produced by Home Advisor. It helps beginners get acquainted with genealogy with tutorials on how to start your family history. Also discussed were general reference sites such as Cyndi’s List,

Family Search and Family Tree Maker. He then talked about Genealogy Forum and Roots Web, message boards where you can meet people researching particular surnames and post messages.

Sam also had helpful hints regarding African American and Canadian Genealogy. We then talked about Acadian resources in Louisiana, Clerks of Court and Vital Records. There was some discussion on the Family History Center. No one was certain if it was still located on Bluebird.

As his talk ended we all were reminded that Sam was a very helpful resource at our library. He is always willing to help those who ask.

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

Kathy Pellerin  
Secretary