

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, February 21, 2019 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 Henry Peterson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Peterson announced that the minutes for the January, 2019 meeting were online and available for review on the <http://lafayettegenealogicalsociety.org> website. A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the current financials, noting a current balance of \$5,659.15, which was approved. The 2019 budget recommendation was also presented and approved. Both written reports are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries.

Old Business

- The Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival will be held **Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend. Food will be available at the event. The descendants of the Benoit and Savoy families will be honored, and if anyone with those relations are interested in participating, please contact the facility.

The LGS is currently planning to have a table / booth at this event depending on the availability of volunteers. Volunteers are asked to man the table / booth for only a short time, as volunteers can be utilized in shifts. This will not be an all day commitment.

If anyone is interested in giving of their time for this activity, please email President Henry Peterson at hperterjr@cox.net or Kathy Pellerin at Kathy.Pellerin@yahoo.com

New Business

- On behalf of the chapter, Peterson presented the annual LGS publication to the Lafayette Parish Library for placement in the Genealogy Section, which was accepted by library representative, Sam Lollar.



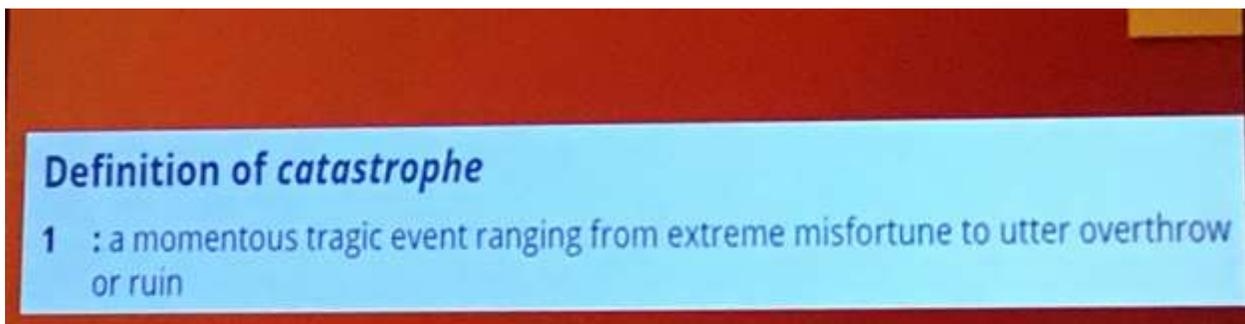
- The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:30 at the usual location will feature Chris Freeman, "The Curious Historian Society," as our guest speaker. Freeman is a Preservationist Historian who uses remnants from the past to form a more concise view of history.

Guest Speaker

The evening speaker was LGS President Henry Peterson, expounding on the topic “How valuable is your research?”



We are all reminded of the definition of “Catastrophe”



Unfortunately, some people do not prioritize the necessity to backup our valuable research and media, located on our computer, in various locations and formats. Having a vast amount of research, expanding over many years, on his website, Peterson is unwavering in regards to repeated backups.

As computer storage technology has developed over the years, several options were distinguished for consideration:

Free Cloud Storage

- EaseUsTodo Backup
- AOMEI “Backupper Standard”
- COBIAN Backup
- FileFort Backup
- Time Machine (for Mac)
- Super Duper (for Mac)

Manual Backup methods

- External Hard Drive
- CD disk
- Flash Drive (will not last forever)
- Interactive Cloud Storage
 - I Cloud
 - One Drive
 - Google Drive
 - I Drive
 - Dropbox
 - Egnyte (mentioned by a member)

Also of note to protect our computer research are power supply attachments that provide protection from lightning or unexpected interrupt if power.

Those persons with paper research, although not a focus of this discussion, were reminded to take precautions as well, such as providing copies to family outside the home.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux

Appendix 1

TREASURER'S REPORT January

Beginning Balance \$5,783.40

Dues

Books sold/Donations

Supplements sold

Acadian Project

BANQUET

Publication expense

Speaker Meals

Banquet Expenses

Office expense -124.25

Other expenses/Rent

Library book

Project

Ending Balance \$5,659.15

New members for 2019 1

TOTAL MEMBERS 136

Members with dues unpaid 59

Appendix 2

2019 BUDGET FOR LAFAYETTE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		\$5,783.40
PROJECTED REVENUES		
ESTIMATED DUES		
100 MEMBERS X \$20.00	2,000.00	
BOOKS (CD) SOLD 6 X \$5.00 EA		
CEMETERY BOOK/CD X 20.00 X7		
SUPPLEMENTS SOLD 4 X \$5.00		
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	<u>2,000.00</u>	2,000.00
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES		
PUBLICATION	400.00	
SPEAKER MEALS/EXPENSES	150.00	
STORAGE RENT	720.00	
BANQUET expenses	150.00	
OFFICE EXPENSES(COPIES, POSTAGE)	300.00	
OTHER EXPENSES(Web Page)	250.00	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>1,970.00</u>	1,970.00
ENDING BANK BALANCE		<u><u>\$5,813.40</u></u>