

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, March 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 February, 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 \$4,939.15, which was approved. Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries. Both written reports are attached to these minutes.

It was further noted that our current membership totals 141, however, 52 have dues unpaid.

Old Business

- LGS was represented recently at the Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival held Saturday, March 16, 2019 and volunteers assisted those in need. As a side note, one of the volunteers, Kathy Pellerin, was injured due to a fall at the function and it is requested that she be kept in your thoughts.

- In 2018, a presentation regarding the Bureau of Lands was presented by Donna Latiolais and Kathy Higginbotham. They are preparing a document related thereto for the LGS website.
 - Genealogy 101 for the months of April and June, 2019 will be held at the Southside Library, in lieu of the usual Downtown Library location, due to a scheduling conflict at the Downtown Library
- **New Business**

Guest Speaker

The evening speaker was Chris Freeman, founder of “The Curious Historian Society.” Freeman is a Preservationist Historian who uses remnants from the past to form a more concise view of history.

Utilizing old photos, maps, court records and documents, Freeman told of his passion for connecting the dots of what existed in the past. His goal is to reconstruct history as perception is not always accurate.

For example,

- remnants of the train tracks and the history surrounding its original purpose in his hometown of Garden City;
- flooding, silting or manmade altering of the land formations, and subsequent migration patterns (Intercoastal canal);
- perception of land areas upon viewing aerial photos (Poverty Point);
- renaming of streets or elimination of roads and bridges (Wilson Street to Martin Luther King);
- removal of buildings (such as a school building)

On behalf of LGS, Freeman was presented a certificate of appreciation for his presentation by President Peterson.



Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the South Regional Library, 1601 Johnston Street at 6:30 P.M. with Shera Broussard LaPoint as the guest speaker. She will speak about her DNA journey and share how DNA has enhanced her genealogical tree. By teller of her fascinating stories, LaPoint hopes to encourage others to test and share DNA results with others.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux

TREASURER'S REPORT February

Beginning Balance \$5,659.15

Dues
Books sold/Donations
Supplements sold
Acadian Project
BANQUET
Publication expense
Speaker Meals
Banquet Expenses
Office expense
Other expenses/Rent -720.00
Library book
Project
Ending Balance \$4,939.15

New members for 2019 3
TOTAL MEMBERS 141
Members with dues unpaid 52

The new members for this month is (are)

Terry &
Margaret Tauzin

Members Anniversary
January's
12yrs Pete Lavergne
9yrs Barbara Thibodeaux
4yrs Joan & Ronald Boudreaux
February's

29yrs	James & Lona Bourque
27yrs	Warren LeBlanc
26yrs	Brenda & John Fuselier
25yrs	JoAnn Pugh
18yrs	Earl Gates
10yrs	Brenda Thibodeaux
3yrs	Dianna Drury
March's	
9yrs	Calice & Julia Breaux
6yrs	Kathy Higginbotham
6yrs	Donna Latiolais
4yrs	Terry Graham
3yrs	Tamra Broussard
April's	
10yrs	Everett & Norma Thompson
8yrs	David & Cindy Landry
3yrs	Mildred Meyers
May's	
4yrs	Thomas & Karren Hays
4yrs	Henry & Shirley Peterson
3yrs	Margaret Lynn Dubois
June's	
10yrs	James & Gloria Peterson
9yrs	Regina Bourgeois
5yrs	Shirley LeBlanc
4yrs	Sandra & Donald Garber
July's	
8yrs	Marella Wilkerson
5yrs	Rosa Silvestrin
3yrs	Jasper & Mary Rizzo
August's	
6yrs	Marcus & Francine Andrepont
6yrs	Kathy & Buddy Pellerin
4yrs	John Love
September's	
7yrs	Elaine & Allen Lopez
4yrs	Dana & Gayle Guidry
November's	
7yrs	Manuel Ortiz
December's	
8yrs	Julie Hernandez