

General Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, August 15, 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 July, 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, unchanged, balance of \$5,689.15, which was approved.

It was further noted that the current membership total is now 103.

Attendees were reminded that dues are \$20 per year, and membership privileges include access to free publications on the LGS website.

Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries.

Old Business

None discussed.

Guest Speakers

Two representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) were the evening speakers.

Louise Ganucheau, LSDAR State Membership Chair, began by acknowledging that DAR is a “lineage society,” with “service” being an important focus of the group. In addition to maintaining numerous historical properties, much charitable work is done, such as assistance to homeless veterans.

DAR membership goals have been set for 250,000 members by 2033, which will be 250 years of America. Junior Membership status is also available.

Similar to the Sons of the American Revolution, a prospective member must first ascertain if any of her ancestors were actively involved in opposing the English during the American Revolution. For those with ancestors in Louisiana during that time, reference is made to the “1776 / 1777 Roll of names for various militia units that assisted Bernardo de Galvez against the British at Baton Rouge, in 1779, compiled by John Francois”, which can be found on the LGS website as Speaker Handouts from the May 16, 2019 meeting, as a valid jumping off point for admission to the DAR.

Barbara Guillory, LSDAR Volunteer Genealogy Chair, directed interested parties to the DAR website, www.dar.org. The website contains a tutorial for using the genealogical system, beginning with clicking on the green button marked “GRS.” The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a free resource provided to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since its founding in 1890.

Of particular note, she showed how a person can enter the name of a particular ancestor in the GRS search format (Descendant Search) and obtain information if

that ancestor had been used in the past as a “basis” or “part of the lineage” of an applicant.

Louise Ganucheau and Barbara Guillory have both offered their assistance, and willingness to answer questions in obtaining membership. They can be reached via email:

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President Peterson presented the speakers LGS Certificates of Appreciation.

Next Meeting set for September 19, 2019

Joan Labbe Boudeaux will be speaking on "Courthouse Research for Genealogy Treasures." For over 20 year, Joan Labbe Boudreaux made a career of researching the various courthouse records throughout the state of Louisiana, as well as teaching others to so professionally. Her presentation will focus on the preparation, the "how to", and the possible treasures to be found in courthouse records.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux