

**Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2021**

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom at 6:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Joan Boudreaux, followed by a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and an introduction of officers.

Treasurer's Report

LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc, presented the current financials, with an ending balance of \$4,575.94.

Members were reminded that yearly membership dues of \$20.00 are due in February. Please mail payment to Lafayette Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 52041, Lafayette, LA 70505-2041

A motion was made, seconded and an affirmative vote was accepted to the treasurer's report.

Old Business

None discussed

New Business - Announcements by President

Due to our current circumstance with the Covid Virus, our regular meeting room, of the South Regional Library at 1601 Johnston Street is currently closed. A Zoom meeting for February 18 will be held at that location, but in the library auditorium, which is located near our regular meeting room. Following library guidelines, we are allowed to have a capacity of 22 people maximum, attending the meeting. Our March meeting date was moved from March 18th to March 17th, due to the availability of the conference room. Further information is forthcoming.

LGS Webmaster, Everett Thompson expressed his desire to retire from his long standing position. We are in need of an individual with web development experience and is willing to assist in the transition. Joan Boudreaux mentioned that she will contact a ULL Professor and inquire if an intern student would be interested in the position. Please provide information to an officer, if you know of anyone that would be interested.

Evening Speaker

President Joan Boudreaux conducted the LGS monthly meeting. Zoom attendee members introduced themselves and contributed individual interests in researching their genealogy.

A group discussion was held to contribute and exchange ideas and activities for the benefit of the LGS membership in 2021. A polling of the member attendees was conducted, via Zoom polling capabilities. An explanation of the question was provided before each query. Some of the questions which were presented for an exchange of ideas and discussion are as follows:

- Would you support initiating a “Student Genealogy Research Project” in the local schools?
- Do you like the idea of a “One on One Research Assistance Program”, similar to the suspended LGS Tuesday morning assistance, via Face Book?
- Do you have a topic/presentation you would like to share with the group?
- What types of instructional topics would you be interested in hearing?
(Select as many as applicable)
 - Beginners How to
 - DNA
 - Father Hebert Books
 - Land Records / Tax Records
 - Navigating Louisiana State Archives
 - Navigating the Genealogy Room at the Lafayette Parish Library
 - Newspaper Research
 - Organization of Paper and Digital Files
 - Organization of Photos
 - Probate Records
 - Software
 - Tech Tools
 - Writing your Family History

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Plaisance