

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, January 16, 2020 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 David K. Landry, followed by a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call of officers.

President Report, David Landry

Landry expressed his appreciation for being elected to his position.

He can be contacted at: Davland@yahoo.com

On March 2, 2020, the current webmail host "Rootsweb.com" will no longer be available for member usage. LGS Webmaster, Everett Thompson will be initiating a new webmail host for LGS announcements of activities. Thompson will be sending out "invites" to join this webmail host. If any member has not provided their email address or if any non-member wishes to join the mailing list, please contact Thompson at thom1936@bellsouth.net

Secretary Report, Joan Labbe Boudreaux

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

Vice-President Report, Brenda Fuselier

Should anyone have any ideas for a speaker at the LGS meetings, please contact Brenda at bbf664@lusfiber.net

Treasurer's Report, Warren Leblanc

Leblanc presented the current financials, noting a current, balance of \$5,124.08. A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to accept the treasurer's report.

Leblanc presented the proposed 2020 LGS budget, attached hereto. A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to accept the proposed budget.

Membership dues of \$20 per year are now due for 2020.

Old Business

LGS is still in need of a member to accept the position of President-Elect. Please let an officer know if interested.

New Business

President Landry announced that one of his objectives for the year is to focus on education at some of the monthly meetings pursuant to the LGS mission statement. Some suggestions included: opening up the meeting with Q&A; Designate a portion of the meeting for education and separate portion for a speaker of interest; Solicit members via email poll for topics of interest. Further discussion was affirmatively tabled.

Evening Speaker:

Michael D. Wynne, a local prolific author, was the guest speaker for the evening. His presentation focused on two main topics of interests.

1. What is your “end game” as a genealogist?
2. How love letters between his parents during courtship, as well as snippets of the many letters to politicians and others written by his mother, provided a window into the past and the focus of one of his books.

Michael D. Wynne has published over 30 books and stressed the importance of the “preservation aspect” of your family history. He suggested that one write their story. Take 1/2 hour each day and write about one person or yourself. Just start. If you begin today, what a wonderful Christmas present one would have for others after months of writing. Getting published via Amazon is free and easy to accomplish. For assistance in this endeavor, he can be contacted at 318-487-8805 and would be happy to provide guidance.

In regard to the many letters that he inherited upon the death of his parents, Wynne gathered them into a book and shared with the group several very humorous passages from the various letters of his mother, who had retained a “carbon copy” of most of her letters. She was virtually a daily writer and shared of her daily life and opinions of living in Lafayette in the early 1940’s.

Wynne’s books can be purchased online via Amazon under Michael D. Wynne, as author.



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux

Exhibit A

2020 BUDGET FOR LAFAYETTE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY		
BEGINNING BANK BALANCE		\$5,868.08
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	744.00	
BANQUET expenses	150.00	
OFFICE EXPENSES(COPIES, POSTAGE)	300.00	
OTHER EXPENSES(Web Page)	250.00	
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>1,994.00</u>	1,994.00
ENDING BANK BALANCE		<u>\$5,874.08</u>