

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, October 17, 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 September, 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 \$5,809.15, which was approved.

It was further noted that the membership continues to increase, with a current total of 111.

Leblanc announced notable membership anniversaries.

Old Business

Request for Publication Submissions

The LGS annual publication committee is requesting members' various contributions, such as 4-5 generational charts and/or family stories. A hardcopy will be placed in the library, as well as on our website. Warren Leblanc -- wvleblanc@bellsouth.net and Kathy Pellerin-- Kathy.Pellerin@yahoo.com will continue to accept submissions until Friday, November 15, 2019.

New Business

November Meeting Guest Speaker

Barry Jean Ancelet will be the guest speaker for the LGS monthly meeting scheduled for November 21, 2019. Ancelet is a Cajun folklorist and expert in Cajun music and Cajun French. He has written several books, and under the pseudonym Jean Arceneaux, he has written Cajun French poetry and lyrics to Cajun French songs.

LGS End of Year Banquet and Induction Officers

The end of year banquet and induction of officers will be held at 11:00 on Friday, December 6, 2019, at the Petroleum Club. The speaker will be Florent Hardy, Jr. PhD. Dr. Hardy began his professional career as a teacher in Breaux Bridge and worked for the Louisiana Department of Education for 20 years. In 2000, he was named State Archivist and Director of the Louisiana State Archives.

Cost to attend is \$20 per person.

Officer Nominations

Slate of officers for 2020 is as follows:

President: David Landry
Vice President: Brenda Fuselier
Treasurer: Warren Leblanc
Secretary: Joan Labbe Boudreaux

Request for prayers

Attendees were requested to keep fellow LGS member, Pete Lavergne, in our thoughts and prayers as he is in poor health.

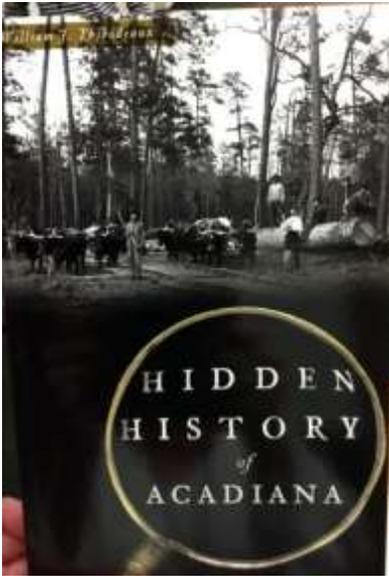
[Secretary note: Two days after this meeting, on October 19, 2019, Wilburn C. "Pete" Lavergne passed away. <https://www.mourning.com/obituaries/Wilburn-C-Lavergne/#!/Obituary>]

St. Landry Parish Clerk Changes pending

LGS member, Karen Cox announced that the St. Landry Clerk of Court's Office is planning to initiate access to its computer system for genealogy research. Specifics have not been provided at this time.

Guest Speaker

William J. Thibodeaux was the guest speaker. He is a native of Rayne, a resident of Lafayette, and after forty-four years' service, a retired railroader. William has written articles in several newspapers and publications in the Lafayette and Acadiana area. With the aid of a PowerPoint presentation, he spoke about his newly released book: "Hidden History of Acadiana". William's book consists of 23 chapters (stories) about people, places, and events of long, long ago.



Mr. Thibodeaux entertained and intrigued the group with “teasers” of three of his stories, and left us wanting to “hear the rest of the story.” For that, however, one must buy the book. If those three “teasers” are any indication of the contents of his book, it would be an interesting read.

His book can be purchased from Amazon, Barnes & Nobles, etc., or directly from the author for \$20.00 He can be contacted at WJThibodeaux@yahoo.com 337-371-9011



Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux