

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Thursday, February 20, 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.

Treasurer's Report, Warren Leblanc

Leblanc presented the current financials, equating to funds in the amount of \$5,284.08

Members were reminded that yearly membership dues of \$20 are now due. Notably, we have registered 5 new members.

February membership anniversaries were announced.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on affirmatively to accept the treasurer's report.

Secretary Report, Joan Labbe Boudreaux

President Landry announced that the minutes for the January, 2020 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.

Webmaster, Everett Thompson

As mentioned during the last meeting, on March 2, 2020, the webmail host “Rootsweb.com” ceased to be available for member usage. LGS Webmaster, Everett Thompson has been successful in initiating a new webmail host for LGS and will continue his efforts to ensure all members are included.

Thompson has sent out “invites” to join this webmail host site, as “acceptance” must be granted.

Note: 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

Publicity Chairwoman, Julie Hernandez

Volunteers are being sought by FamilySearch.org to assist in transcribing indexes. Each project to index is approximately 5-6 pages, thus easily completed.

Kathy Pellerin announced that the 15th Annual Acadian Memorial Heritage Festival will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 9:45 to 3:00 p.m.

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—Announcements by President

President Landry opened for discussion whether it is appropriate for the solicitation of genealogical CD's on the LGS facebook page. A member noted that the LGS facebook page was initially set up and continues to be managed by

Marcus Andrepont, consequently it should be a decision by / with Mr. Andrepont. Further discussion was affirmatively tabled.

Meeting refreshments will continue to be provided on a voluntary basis; however, the actual cost utilized for purchasing miscellaneous items, such as paper goods, coffee item, etc. will be reimbursed to Cindy Landry at the end of the year.

Dr. Sam Lollar, from the Lafayette Parish Library, who has been very supportive of our genealogy efforts, will be retiring on March 8, 2020. We are fortunate to have Irene King to continue in this endeavor.

Don Arceneaux will be the April Speaker, and Father Vidrine will be the May Speaker.

Evening Speaker:

Warren A. Perrin, author, local historian and cultural preservationist, was the guest speaker for the evening. His presentation focused on one of books, entitled: “Seeking an Acadian Nation, The 1930 Diary of an Evangeline Girl”

Over the last two and a half centuries, the Acadian Deportation and the epic poem Evangeline have defined the French-speaking people known as Acadians. After their tragic deportation by the British from their homeland, Acadia, now known as Nova Scotia, those who re-settled in Louisiana are today called Cajuns--American, yet clearly distinct. “Seeking an Acadian Nation--The 1930 Diary of an Evangeline Girl” is a book based on the travel journal and scrapbook of Corinne Broussard, a young woman from Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, who, along with 24 other Evangeline Girls, represented Louisiana in Canada for the 175th anniversary of the Deportation. Here in Corinne's own words is the story of her adventure--a 17-day, 3,000-mile train trip called a pilgrimage by Sen. Dudley J. LeBlanc who spearheaded the trip, and who was preparing to run for governor of Louisiana. This was the first time a group of Cajuns returned to their ancestral homeland

since the exile began in 1755. It could be considered the birth of the French Renaissance in Louisiana. Beginning in the 1880s, Acadian leaders in Canada began a movement to reunite all of the Acadians in the world based upon a common language, religion, genealogy, and history. This book has three parts: first, the efforts at reunification to create an Acadian Nation (1880-1930); second, the pilgrimage to Grand-Pré as reported in Corinne's diary, with annotations (1930); and third, the Louisiana French Renaissance (1930-present). This narrative aligns Corinne's personal experiences with the Great Depression, emerging women's rights, religion, prohibition, and other forces reshaping the modern world in between the two world wars. Her journal reveals how history can be gleaned from resources such as scrapbooks, newspapers, correspondence, and diaries. Although the diary and annotations are in English, half of the 46 newspaper articles and other items in the scrapbook materials are in French.

A copy of the book can be found at the Acadian Museum, located at 203 South Broadway, Erath, Louisiana 70533, online, and various regional gatherings, such as Festival Acadien, and will be available at the upcoming GRA / *Grand Reveil Acadien 2020* in October.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Labbe Boudreaux