

# Lafayette Genealogical Society

## Meeting Minutes

### November 15, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, November 15, 2018 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 Brenda Thibodeaux. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a moment of silence to honor our ancestors and to remember our men and women serving in the armed forces. This month we also honored the people in California displaced by the many forest fires. President Thibodeaux then greeted everyone and welcomed our guests Ed Wynn, brother of our speaker. Also, Betty and Bob Tujague, sister and brother-in-law of speaker and friend, John Daigle.

President Thibodeaux told everyone that the minutes from the October meeting are online and may be viewed at our new website. Henry Peterson motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and it was seconded by Paul Manual. The motion passed and everyone is asked to read the minutes on line.

Warren LeBlanc was absent and we did not have a treasurer's report.

President Thibodeaux reminded everyone about our annual banquet to be held on December 7 at 11 o'clock at the Petroleum Club. The cost is \$20 per person. The guest speaker will be professional genealogist, Judy Riffel. Please come early as parking is at a premium.

Dues for 2019 are now due. Please pay Brenda.

President Thibodeaux asked for nominations for President-Elect and Secretary to serve next year. David Landry was nominated for President-Elect and Joan Boudreaux was nominated for Secretary. The slate of officers included Henry Peterson, President; David Landry, President-Elect; Brenda Fuselier, Vice President, Warren LeBlanc, Treasurer and Joan Boudreaux, Secretary. Cynthia Guilbeau motioned that we accept the slate of officers. It was seconded by Sandra Trahan. He motioned and the officers were elected for 2019. This concluded the business portion of our meeting.

President Thibodeaux then introduced Michael Wynn, our speaker for the evening. Mr. Wynn was born and reared in Lafayette the son of pediatrician Edwin Wynn. He spoke of his memories of growing up in Lafayette and he was surprised by the amount of traffic on Johnston Street this evening. In 1975 he went to college at LSU. He married and moved to Alexandria, La., where he lives today.

As a young boy he spent a lot of time with his grandmother. She brought him to visit some of his older relatives and he soon realized that they would not always be with us. He then began to bring paper and pencil to these visits. Later he brought a tape recorder and collected a large number of facts and stories. He put them away when he went to college.



November Speaker Michael Wynn

Later in adulthood, he picked up where he left off and began to work on his family tree which later became a large book on his mother's family and two volumes on his father. Then Michael began to give us pointers on how to organize our work. His most important advice was to plan for when you die. What are you going to do with the bulk of your work? Not everyone will want it but they may want a book. Secondly, he advised us to speak to whomever we can. Don't let some elderly person in your family die without talking to them. Talk to all your cousins. Each has a different piece to the story of your family.

He gave other advice on pictures and negatives storage. He said after he completed his books, he filled 7 garbage bags full of stuff that he no longer needed since it was all in the book. He then shared 2 stories he was able to piece together about his 2x great grandfather Jacob Whipp during the Civil War. He also told us of a train wreck in Lawtell that he was able to find information on through newspaper articles and obituaries. Michael also told us he used Create Space on Amazon to print his books since no publisher would do it. He said it was very easy. He then took questions from the audience.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kathy Pellerin.  
Secretary