

Lafayette Genealogical Society
General Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021

Call to Order

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at the South Regional Lafayette Public Library located at 6101 Johnston Street. At 6:30 p.m., the meeting was held in the Library auditorium and presented via Zoom for individuals unable to attend in person.

The meeting was called to order by President Joan Boudreaux, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our deceased ancestors and members, as well as all others who are not with us.

An introduction of our guest speaker and other members which were present were announced.

Approval of Previous Minutes

President Joan Boudreaux announced that the minutes for the February, 2021 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.

Treasurer's Report

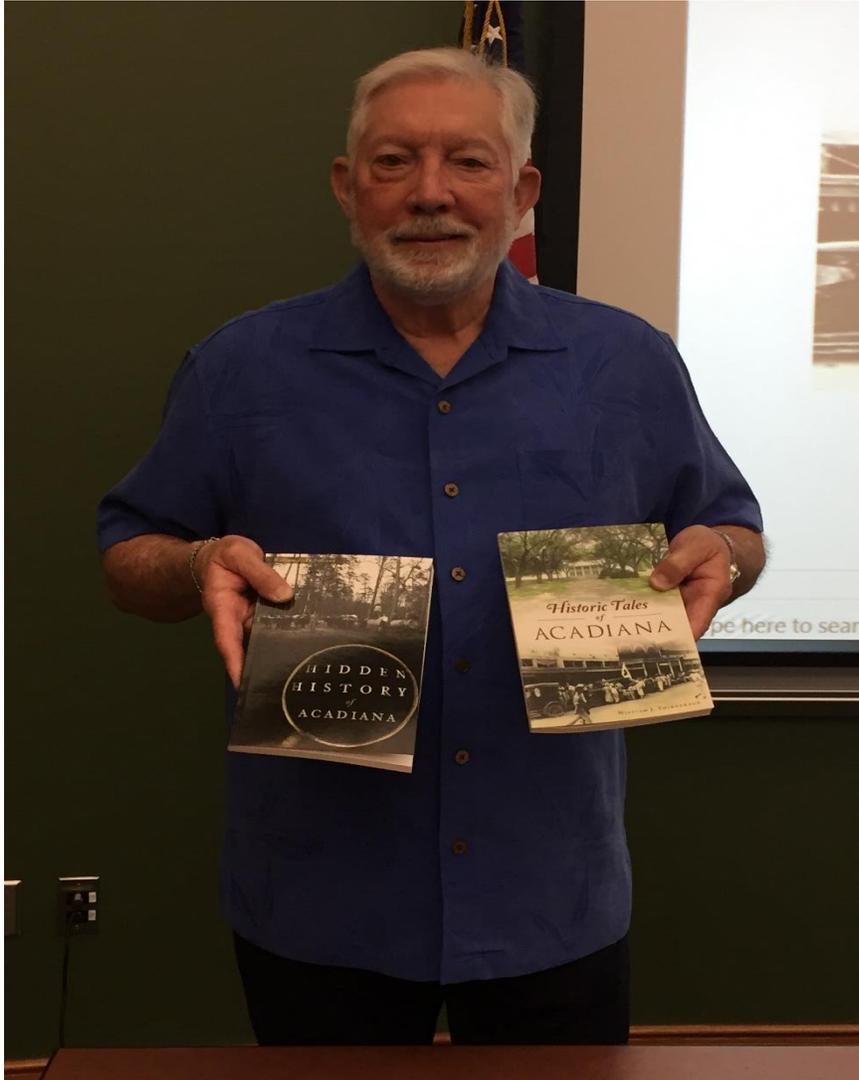
LGS treasurer, Warren Leblanc was not present and a report was not available.

Old Business

Ms. Jessica McChesney and Ms. Donna Greco, united daughters of the confederacy were present at this meeting. They gave us an update as to the results of the court case regarding the Alfred Mouton statue, which is located in downtown Lafayette. This case is currently ongoing. If anyone would like to contribute, as individual donations to help support the UDC Alfred Mouton Chapter, please contact Jessica McChesney at 337.298.0070 or Jessica@sunrisehospitality.net for further information. Prayers and donations are greatly appreciated.

Our April meeting date will be Thursday, April 15, 2021, which will be held in the Library auditorium and via Zoom. Further information is forthcoming.

Evening Speaker



Our guest speaker was Mr. William Thibodeaux a native of Rayne, Louisiana in Acadia Parish, local author and fervent supporter of Cajun history and culture.

Mr. Thibodeaux is a Vietnam-era veteran who served in the U.S. Navy. After his military obligations, William was employed with Southern Pacific Railroad for more than 44 years of service.

After his retirement, he became a published author. Over the years, Mr. Thibodeaux collected stories about people, events and other subjects related to his railroad years. Those stories were the first publications in local newspapers. He continues writing mostly non-fiction with historical significance to the Acadiana region. He was inducted into the *Order of Living Legends* for his work with the French table, local news stories and for the history talks pertaining to Cajun culture and local history. Mr. Thibodeaux has published two books and is currently working on his third book. "Hidden History of Acadiana" is the title of his first book and "Historic Tales of Acadiana" is the title of his second book, which are both non-fictional works.

Mr. Thibodeaux entertained the group with some of the historical stories dredged from the swamps and bayous of Southwest Louisiana.

All of his books are available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Costco, Sam's and with Thibodeaux, who can be contacted at wjthibodeaux@yahoo.com or by phone at 337-9011.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Plaisance