

Lafayette Genealogical Society
Meeting Minutes
18 February 2016
<http://lafayettegenealogicalsociety.org>

The monthly meeting of the Lafayette Genealogical Society was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 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 Calice Breaux. A moment of silence was observed in honor of our ancestors and also of those serving in the military, past and presence. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcoming remarks by our President. Guests were asked to introduce themselves. They included Lucille Broussard Smith, Grace Lejeune Guidry and Darlene Bourque. They each named the families they were researching. Brenda Thibodeaux motioned that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes posted on our website. It was seconded by Judy Trahan. There was no objection and the motion passed without opposition. Everyone in encouraged to read the minutes on the website.

Warren LeBlanc was called upon to give the Treasure’s Report for January, 2016.

Beginning Balance	\$3,678.10
Dues	185.00
Books Sold/Donations	
Supplements Sold	
Acadian Project	
Banquet	
Publication Expense	
Speaker Meals	
Banquet Expense	
Office Expense	
Other Expense/Rent	
Library Book	
Project	
Ending Balance	\$3,863.10

New Members for 2016	21
Members with dues unpaid	84

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted.

President Breaux reminded everyone that in order for everyone to have access to the Member's Only section of the website, dues must be received by February 29. A new password will be issued at that time and the old password will be retired.

At this time President Breaux introduced Chase Manual to the group. He is Chairman of Lafayette's first Bayou Celtic Festival. This festival will feature the heritage, music and dance of those with Irish, Scottish and other Celtic backgrounds. The festival will be held on March 11 and 12 at Warehouse 525 on Garfield Street in Lafayette. The March 11 festivities will begin at 6:30 and feature a crawfish boil with musicians playing traditional Celtic music. The Ryan School of Dance will perform folk dances.

Early morning on March 12 will begin with a Pub Crawl for those who wish to participate. The festival will continue at noon with a Guinness Cook-Off and a Bailey's Bake-Off. Other activities include a whiskey snug, Irish puppet show and a Young Musicians Contest. Our society has been invited to provide our expertise in the Genealogy Tent. Electricity will be provided for those who can bring laptops and have access to genealogy search engines. Cox will provide internet connections. Dorothy Burleigh motioned that we accept the invitation. It was seconded by Brenda Thibodeaux. The motion passed without opposition. Calice Breaux passed around a sign-up sheet for the hours of noon to six p.m. on March 12. Mr. Manual let us know that all volunteers do not have to pay an entrance fee. There is a grand prize of a trip for 2 to Dublin Ireland donated by Guinness. In order to be eligible for the drawing, volunteers are asked to pay \$10.00. Admission to the event is \$20.00. For further information on the event, please go to www.celticbayoufest.com.

Brenda Thibodeaux reminded everyone that volunteers are needed at the main library on Tuesday mornings to help people seeking information on genealogy. Please arrive at the library by 9:00 a.m. It is usually over by noon.

Warren LeBlanc informed us that the Clayton Library in Houston, Texas has requested our cemetery publications. They asked for 3 and were pleasantly surprised that we were now up to 5 books. He sent them to the library and charged \$150.00 plus shipping and handling. He also added copies of our annual publications.

Pete Lavergne stated that he had been in contact with a relative of Winn Hawkins and was able to give Ann Crenshaw of the Butler County Historical Society some of the information she requested in her email of January 15 to Calice Breaux. Margaret Rusk may possibly have a picture of Mr. Hawkins that can be email to Ms. Crenshaw.

Since there was no further business, Pete Peterson motioned that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by James Bourque and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Pellerin
Secretary