

THE LAFFITE SOCIETY
The Nonus Collection, 2214 Postoffice Street, Galveston, Texas 77550

MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

BOARD PRESENT: President Ed Jamison; 1st Vice President Jim Nonus; 2nd Vice President Kathy Modzelewski; Treasurer Nancy Beaman; Secretary *pro tem* and Archivist Jeff Modzelewski; Editor of Publications *pro tem* Dan Cote; Historian Ginny Roberts; Press Director Dave Roberts.

BOARD ABSENT: 3rd Vice President Lynette Haaga; Parliamentarian Diane Olson; Privateer-At-Arms (nominal) Wil Zapalac; Coordinator of Research Gary Fretz; Coordinator of Research Pam Keyes.

ADVISORY BOARD PRESENT: Jean Epperson; Jeff Modzelewski; Kathy Modzelewski.

ADVISORY BOARD ABSENT: Pam Keyes; Don Marler; Gene Marshall; R. Dale Olson; Robert Vogel; Dr. Reginald Wilson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. Ed Jamison welcomed attendees, and Jim Nonus introduced several first- and second-time visitors.

Several announcements followed. Lizette Najarian invited all to the upcoming East End Historic District Association's Casino Night fundraiser, and Kathy Modzelewski updated the group on plans regarding the trip to New Orleans at the end of the month. Jeff Modzelewski thanked Dave Roberts for taking the photographs at the holiday party on 12/12/2009, which have been uploaded to the Yahoo Laffite group. He also thanked Dave for facilitating coverage of the affair, including some photographs, in "The Diva's" column in the Sunday, 01/10/2010, *Galveston County Daily News*.

PROGRAM: The evening's program was an interesting, broad, round-table-type discussion of the Laffites spurred by a number of articles in vintage periodicals in the personal collection of Jim Nonus. Jim began by asking Jeff Modzelewski to read an article on recent piratical activities – part of which involved the Laffites - from the *Niles Weekly Register* of April 26, 1823. After some questions and discussion, Jim recessed the group for a refreshment break so that attendees could browse his collection and choose other articles to read aloud after the break, thereby generating discussion as well as ideas for research. Newer members and visitors proved to be catalysts in the program, asking good questions which caused more seasoned Laffitians to summarize portions of the Laffite canon to the benefit of many whose memory of same may have dimmed over the years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Jeff Modzelewski
Secretary *pro tem*
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