

**LPMGA Mission Statement:** The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association, Inc. assists the LSU AgCenter in educating Lafayette and surrounding areas about horticulture and environmental stewardship through the transmission of factual, research-based information.

**LPMGA Vision Statement:** Growing a vibrant, green, and healthy community through Horticulture Education



## **LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, August 31, 2017/1:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** LPMGA Vice President **Mary Ann Armbruster** called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 1:15 P.M.

### **Roll Call:**

Mary Ann Armbruster  
Linda Beyt  
Jay Ruffin  
Cindy Wiley  
Debbie Dupuy  
Dan Devenport  
Rene' Prejean  
Lorraine Allain (Absent)  
Theresa Rohloff (Absent)  
Charles Turner (Absent)

**Vice President:** Mary Ann Armbruster presided over the meeting in the absence of President Charles Turner

**Treasurer:** Debbie Dupuy- No Report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Cindy Wiley led a discussion on redoing the Renewal and Committee Selection form. It was suggested for the membership to contact the committee chairs directly for their committee assignments. Survey Monkey was proposed to get feedback from the members as to committee assignments. Cindy Wiley and Linda Beyt will get together to work on the form.

Cards were sent out to acknowledge illnesses and or death in the family of members needing a kind word.

**Recording Secretary:** Rene' Prejean (No Report)

**Member-At-Large:** Lorraine Allain, absent (No Report)

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Jay Ruffin discussed Sustainable Member Status request. Linda Beyt moved to approve the LPMGA Sustaining Member Status Request form as amended. Cindy Wiley seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Ag Rep:** Dan Devenport spoke about the new class fall field trip to the Burton Center and Rural Life Museum in Baton Rouge. Dan asked that the board approve a \$250 donation to the Center for the purchase of a brick paver in support of the center, that will include the LPMGA notation. Linda Beyt motioned for the purchase of a brick paver the motion was seconded by Debbie Dupuy, motion passed.

Dan also brought up the need for more yard maintenance at the Demo / Cottage area to include hedges and vegetable boarder edging. A committee will meet with Billy Welsh with the Ira Nelson Hort Center to see what can be done to get this accomplished.

**Newsletter Chairman:** Theresa Rohloff, absent (No Report)

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

A discussion regarding the Annual Accident coverage for Master Gardeners, Master Gardeners-in-training and Jr. Master Gardeners took place. American Income Life Insurance (<http://www.americaninlife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance>) is the provider at a cost of \$1.00 per person, and will be purchased annually by the organization.

Mary Ann Armbruster called for a motion to accept said coverage. Debbie Dupuy motioned to accept coverage, second by Cindy Wiley, motion passed.

A motion to increase the Master Gardeners in Training Class budget to \$1500.00. This will help pay for class dues, field trips, and scholarships. Cindy Wiley so motioned and this motion was second by Debbie Dupuy, motion passed.

Linda Beyt stated that the Handbook committee will be put online. A motion by Cindy Wiley to keep the handbook in print form for availability to the new class and for those without computer access. The motion was second by Debbie Dupuy, motion passed.

The addition of an Historian to the executive board of the LPMGA was discussed. An additional rotating position would also be created from the new class to keep up the class activities. Their duties would include maintaining a scrapbook for the fiscal year, special events, articles from media, newsprint, and providing scrapbook for viewing at LPMGA events. More feedback will be obtained from the membership for finalization of this position.

**Amendment to Meeting:**

At the 2 August, General Membership meeting the board had an impromptu board meeting to address 2 pending issues.

- A Grant proposal of \$100.00 for the Bayou Vermillion District
- The expenditure of approximately \$250 for a PA system for use at LPMGA functions

A motion by Mary Ann Armbruster to allocate monies for the 2 above listed expenditures was second by Cindy Wiley, motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Mary Ann Armbruster requested a motion to adjourn. Linda Beyt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Debbie Dupuy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted by Rene' Prejean  
LPMGA Recording Secretary  
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