

## LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

### August 2019 Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th, 2019/1:00 p.m.

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center – Library

2206 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503

**Call to Order:** President, Juan Nieto, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

#### Roll Call:

**President:** Juan Nieto-Present

**Vice President:** Colette Anzalone-Absent

**Past President:** MaryAnn Armbruster-Absent

**Treasurer:** Debbie Dupuy-Absent

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ellen Garacci-Present

**Recording Secretary:** Patricia Soileau-Absent

**Member-At-Large:** Marsha Bayer-Present

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Louann McClelland-Long-Present

**Newsletter Editor:** Mary Gladney-Present

**Agent/Advisor:** Dan Devenport

#### Guests:

Paul Manuel

Babette Werner

**President:** Juan Nieto called for the approval of the June Board Meeting minutes

Marsha Bayer moved to approve the May minutes

Ellen Garacci seconded the motion

Motion passed

#### President's Report:

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, Juan attended a meeting with School Garden Initiative teachers and MG volunteers.

Attendees suggested that Master Gardener volunteers need more training and that the timing of garden development and SGI lessons are affected by testing in the schools.

MG John Fontaine has presented 2 lessons, and is working to simplify lessons for lower grades. Lessons have been based on the Jr. Master Gardener book and need to be modified for younger students. MG volunteers will be sent to help teachers with SGI paperwork.

At the SGI Administrative meeting scheduled for 5pm on September 9<sup>th</sup>, volunteer training will be discussed.

Another SGI meeting is scheduled for 9am on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Green T Lindon to go over lessons and make them easier for MG volunteers to deliver.

**Vice President:** Juan speaking for Colette Anzalone: Speakers have been scheduled for General Meetings and All Seasons Garden Talks.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ellen Garacci sent a Get Well card to Cinde Risinger. Ellen has received the 300 pins that were ordered. She passed them for viewing, and the consensus was that they are a very good choice.

Horticulture Hints: Ellen was approached by the Postmaster regarding postage for Horticulture Hints. The PM informed Ellen that because Horticulture Hints is a newsletter, an additional 15% postage should be charged. The PM also mentioned that the LSU AgCenter logo, located by the Horticulture Hints return address, needs to be repositioned. Ellen will check into these matters.

**Member-At-Large:** Marsha Bayer – present/no report

**Recording Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer:** Juan reporting for Debbie Dupuy: Propagation had expenses of approximately \$5000 to replace irrigation lines. Colette needs an email for Dan Devenport.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Louann McClelland-Long will continue to update the volunteer hours report in the newsletter.

**Handbook Committee:** Louann McClelland-Long discussed the need to address several changes to our By-Laws and our Policies. Because there are several items that involve discussion this will be tabled until next year.

**LSU AgCenter Agent:** Dan Devenport mentioned that the LSU AgCenter logo needed to be updated in the LPMGA newsletter. Dan advised checking with the State Police regarding a Charitable Gaming License for the raffle at PlantFest. Mary Gladney offered to check with Cinde Risinger on this since she is in charge of the Festival des Fleurs raffle and inform Colette. Dan has spoken with LMG state coordinator, Sara Shields, regarding some of our concerns. She will not be able to schedule a state LMG Advisory meeting this year.

**Unfinished Business-PlantFest Juan:** Two more 20 x 20 tents are needed for PlantFest for a total of 3. We also need people who know how to set up the tents properly to put them up and take them down. We need to look into a backup plan, perhaps renting tents. Juan will discuss this with Colette.

### **New Business-**

Babette Werner requested a \$100 grant for the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Symposium. Louann made the motion that the Board approve the \$100 grant, Marsha seconded. The Board's vote included 2 emailed proxy votes from Patricia Soileau and Debbie Dupuy both stating to approve the grant (see page 3). The motion passed.

Babette submitted a Project Proposal form to ask that MG volunteers be allowed to assist with the horticulture exhibit at Festival des Fleurs. Due to the lack of a quorum, a vote could not be taken. After Board discussion, it was decided that the proposed activity was within the scope of our currently approved Master Gardener Festival des Fleurs participation, and could be added as an additional task rather than a separate activity. Dan reminded the Board that new projects would need to be added to the list of insured activities.

### **Announcements:**

**September General Meeting:** MG Appreciation at Noon on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - Southside Library

**September Board Meeting:** Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm – Ira Nelson Horticulture Center Library.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Juan requested a motion to adjourn.

Marsha Bayer moved that the meeting be adjourned

Ellen Garacci seconded the motion

Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by Louann McClelland-Long  
acting for Patricia Soileau LPMGA Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debbie Dupuy**

To: MG Patricia Soileau Cc: Juan Nieto colette@louisiana.edu frankellen Louann McClelland-Long mbayer116@gmail.com

Re: Proxy Vote

This email is my proxy vote granting my approval of a \$100 grant to the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Society

Debbie Dupuy

Aug. 20, 2019

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**MG Patricia Soileau**

To: Juan Nieto colette@louisiana.edu Debbie Dupuy frankellen Louann McClelland-Long mbayer116@gmail.com MG Patricia Soileau

Proxy Vote

This email is my proxy vote granting my approval of a \$100 grant to the Bayou Vermilion Preservation Society.

Patricia Soileau

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