

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
Ira Nelson Horticultural Center
Monday, December 18, 2017/1:00 P.M.

Call to Order: LPMGA President Charles Turner called the Executive Board Meeting to order at approximately 1:20 P.M.

Roll Call:

Charles Turner
Cindy Wiley
Dan Devenport
Loraine Allain
Rene' Prejean
Jay Ruffin
Linda Beyt
Ellen Garacci
Patricia Soileau
Jacob Williams
Debbie Dupuy

President: Charles Turner introduced Ag Center Agent Dan Devenport. Dan lead discussions on a variety of topics:

- Dr. Sahara Shields, State Master Gardener Coordinator would like all volunteer hours entered by 22 December. This communication was sent to incoming President Mary Ann Armbruster. LPMGA members have always been instructed to record volunteer hours with a 31 December deadline. Patricia Soileau will see about getting an email sent to the membership forwarding Dr. Shields request.
In the future a deadline of 15 December will be sent out as the deadline date to record volunteer hours.
- At the annual conference in Baton Rouge Dr. Shields notice a lack of Advanced Level Master Gardener in the state. It was noted that the requirement to get a pesticide application license contributed to the poor enrollment. A change in which you have a year to get your license will be implemented. The deadline to apply for the Advance level certification will be extended until 15 January.
- The Code of Conduct in the handbook needs to be sent to all active LPMGA members for their signature in January at the General Membership meeting. Jay Ruffin, Volunteer Coordinator, will contact Ag Agent Charles Hebert for clarification on which version of the Code of Conduct to use.
- Committee chairs need co-chairs that can step in and head committees as needed when chairs relinquish their chairmanship. Ellen Garicca, Corresponding secretary, will email incoming President, Mary Ann Armbruster the need for more committee chairs to fill empty positions.
- Sustaining members need to be encouraged to continue to record their volunteer hours. This can be done monthly if needed instead of recording as the hours are completed.
- The board needs to turn in all 7 items required to maintain an active association in the State Master Gardener Membership by February 2018.
- There is a need to update for insurance purposes; the volunteer hours to all horticultural activities associated with Acadiana Village.
- Different methods were discussed on how to record and store minutes of the Executive Board and General Membership Meeting minutes. The objective will be to computerize and reduce the amount of storage need for these items.
- The goal for the next year will be “Communication”.
- To increase numbers and involvement the lecture series will possible be moved to All Seasons Nursery. It is hoped that this years and future years in coming LPMGA members classes can be developed to give presentations for the lecture series.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jay Ruffin, (No Report)

Vice President: Mary Ann Armbruster, absent (No Report)

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy, absent (No Report)

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Willey (No Report).

Recording Secretary: Rene' Prejean (No Report)

Member at Large: Lorraine Allain (No Report)

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

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

LPMGA General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, January 04, 2018, 6:00 P.M., Downtown Library

Adjournment: Charles Turner thanked Linda Beyt for opening her home for the last board meeting of the year after which Charles requested a motion to adjourn. Lorrain Allain moved to adjourn the meeting, and Linda Beyt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30P.M. A pot lunch luncheon followed to celebrate the past year.

Respectfully Submitted by Rene' Prejean

LPMGA Recording Secretary

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