

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
February 2018 Board Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018/1:00 P.M.

Call to Order: LPMGA President, **MaryAnn Armbruster**, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at approximately 1:12 P.M.

Roll Call:

MaryAnn Armbruster
Juan Nieto
Ellen Garacci
Debbie Dupuy
Dan Devenport
Patricia Soileau
Chuck Schrader

President: MaryAnn Armbruster called the meeting to order at approximately at 1:12 PM

MaryAnn called for the approval of the January minutes.

Juan moved to accept minutes

Ellen seconded

Board approved

MaryAnn discussed need to update our social media presence. MaryAnn will meet with Karen Willingham to discuss.

All committee chairs will be encouraged to find co-chairs. Co-chairs will be kept updated on all committee activities and will be able to step-in if needed.

Vice President: Juan Nieto discussed upcoming activities of the Speaker's Bureau and the need for additional speakers.

Ask-A-MG schedule

Four speakers are scheduled for Festival des Fleur

Three speakers are scheduled for All Seasons Nursery – 2nd Saturday in March, April, and May

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Garacci stated that no cards had been sent since our last board meeting. Horticulture Hints have been distributed
Ellen is looking for co-chair to work with Horticulture Hints

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy discussed location of our sale booth and the Ask-A-MG booth at Festival des Fleurs. We are planning to have the booths on the grounds the Blackham Coliseum.

At previous board meeting (2017) it was discussed that we would pay a percentage of our sales to Ira Nelson. This discussion was tabled.

Recording Secretary: Patricia Soileau – members requesting replacement name badges will be charged \$7.00 each. Order will be placed with Dan Devenport and will be submitted upon receipt of payment.

Patricia was contacted by Carolyn Ward with the Carencro Spring Extravaganza requesting speakers for the event. Juan will meet with her.

Discussion of the Mentor program. Juan would like to meet with Mentors, discussing the need for them to become more involved with our MGITs. Meeting will be set with Cindy Jensen, Dolores Champagne, Babette Werner, Dan Devenport, MaryAnn Armbruster, and Patricia Soileau.

Reviewed the class application interview form and the list of topics for the class project

Will have someone discuss the Ask-A-MG program with 2018 class.

Member-At-Large: Jacob Williams – not present

Volunteer Coordinator: Jay Ruffin – Not present

Newsletter Editor: Theresa Rohloff – Not present

Old Business:

AgCenter Rep, Dan Devenport, stated that insurance will cost \$1.00 per person/per year. We currently have 165 active members and will acquire coverage for 200 members.

Protocol for pesticide use and recommendations was discussed. MG members are to Always refer people to the LSU website or AgCenter agent when pesticide recommendations are requested.

When professionals or businesses need horticulture advice, MGs are to refer them to the AgAgent.

Recording Secretary, Patricia Soileau, requested that the board rescind vote made at January meeting, increasing the MG class fee to \$300.00 (\$100 to be held in escrow and refunded once MGIT has completed their 40-hour volunteer obligation).

Patricia moved that the class fee will be left at \$200 for the MG class.

Juan seconded

Motion passed

New Business:

Chuck Schrader proposed a gardening program, working with the clients of LARC (non-profit organization working with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities)

Patricia moved to approve the LARC project

Ellen seconded

Motion Passed

Dan Devenport will check on insurance coverage for the Acadian Village projects and the LARC program

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss MaryAnn Armbruster requested a motion to adjourn.
Ellen moved that the meeting be adjourned
Juan seconded
Motion passed
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Soileau
LPMGA Recording Secretary
Approved: _____