

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 2019 Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2019/1:00 p.m.
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center – Library
2206 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503

Call to Order: LAFMG President, Juan Nieto, called the Executive Board Meeting to order at approximately 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call:

Juan Nieto
Colette Anzalone
MaryAnn Armbruster
Ellen Garacci
Patricia Soileau
Marsha Bayer
Louann McClelland-Long
Dan Devenport
Paul Manuel
Meagan Stogsdill

President: Juan Nieto called for the approval of the May Board Meeting minutes
MaryAnn Armbruster moved to approve the May minutes
Colette Anzalone seconded the motion
Motion passed

Juan attended a meeting with teachers and MG members that work with the School Gardens. Juan will try to call another meeting during the first week of August and again later, if needed, to get input and establish a network for participants.

Abbeville Garden Club has requested speakers. Dan Devenport will give a presentation on October, 21st. Juan Nieto will speak on November 18th.

Vice President: Colette Anzalone has completed scheduling speakers for our monthly MG meetings. Colette is currently working on scheduling speakers for the Speaker's Bureau.

Colette will schedule speakers for the Abbeville Garden Club's meetings on December 17th and January 20th.

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Garacci has no report

Horticulture Hints: Ellen Garacci is working on the next edition of Horticulture Hints.

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

Recording Secretary: Patricia Soileau – present/no report

Volunteer Coordinator: Louann McClelland-Long informed us that MG, Christine Guillory (class of 2006), is a Sustaining Member and is currently inactive. Because Christine's husband is having health issues, they will be moving to be closer to family. Christine informed Louann that she needs to resign from our organization.

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy – not present

LSU AgCenter Agent: Dan Devenport gave mail to Ellen that was received in the AgCenter. Gave a letter from the Lafayette Convention & Visitors Bureau to Patricia, for follow-up.

Dan has spoken with MG state coordinator, Sarah Shields regarding some of our concerns. Sarah indicated that she will not be able to schedule a state MG Advisory meeting this year.

Dan said that Babette will have several people assisting with the administration and coordination of the annual MG class. The lunch program may be changed or deleted.

Suzanne Lasseigne (class of 2016) has moved to Sausalito, California and requested a letter from Dan stating that she was a member in good standing. Dan sent the letter.

Handbook Committee: Louann McClelland-Long discussed the need to address several changes to our By-Laws and our Policies. Because there are several items, some with minor changes, we will address a few items at each of our Board meetings.

Field Trips: A field trip is scheduled this Friday, June 21st, to Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, Texas. Betsy Palmer (class of 2016) will take over as chair person of the Field Trips Committee.

MG Appreciation Month: In an effort to recognize the hard work of our members, we have scheduled September as our MG Appreciation Month. During the September 2019 Membership Meeting, Board members will discuss our different committees and recognize some of their volunteers. Meagan Stogsdill will make an accompanying Power Point presentation which will identify each of the committees, with three bullet points describing their activities, and a photo.

Each MG Board member will introduce several Committees:

Juan Nieto

Festival des Fleurs

PlantFest

School Garden Initiative

Colette Anzalone

Ask-A-MG

Pine Straw Sales

Speaker's Bureau

Socials

MaryAnn Armbruster

Calendars

Garden Talks

Historian

MG Merchandise

Vermilionville Medicinal Gardens

Ellen Garacci

Facebook

Horticulture Hints

Plant & Seed Swap

Publicity

Louann McClelland-Long

Acadian Village Demo Gardens

LARC

Newsletter

You Tube/Instagram

Marsha Bayer

Cottage Keeper

Garden Stroll

Debbie Dupuy
Field Trips
Jr. Master Gardener
Website

Patricia Soileau
Dreams Gardening Class
E-Mail Liaison
Handbook
MG Class Coordinator
Mentors

Heather Warner-Finley
Children's Garden Tours
Demo Gardens
Habitat for Humanity
Irrigation
Propagation

Recognized volunteers will be awarded a star pin.

In an effort to keep members of the Lafayette Consolidated Government Board aware of our contributions to the Acadiana area, Dan Devenport will extend invitations to LCG Board members.

MaryAnn Armbruster moved that we authorize the purchase of gold star lapel pins to be awarded to the outstanding volunteers on each committee. Their contributions will be acknowledged at our September Membership Meeting. The cost of the pins is \$1.89 each plus tax and shipping. The number of pins to be purchased will be determined later.

Marsha Bayer seconded the motion

Motion Passed

Handbook Committee: Louann McClelland-Long briefly discussed the proposed updates and changes to the Handbook that were emailed to Board Members on June 12, 2019. Some of the suggested changes would affect the By-Laws, requiring membership votes and some changes would be to the Policies, requiring Board Member votes only. It was discussed and agreed that, with a total of fifteen (15) revisions to be reviewed, it would be best to present them a few at a time, allowing each to receive the time and attention needed for evaluation. Board members were reminded that changes to By-Laws need to be presented to the membership in writing thirty days prior to the official vote. All approved changes will go into effect January 1, 2020 and revisions will be emailed to members when they are completed.

Announcements:

Christmas Social/Class Graduation: The Social will be on a Tuesday this year, not Wednesday. The December Social will be held Tuesday, December 3rd at the Petroleum Club.

MG Class: Board Members will be introduced to the 2020 MG class on Thursday, August 8th at 11:00 am.

Newsletter: There will be no July Newsletter

Membership Meeting - No July Membership Meeting.

August Membership Meeting – Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00 pm at the Southside Library.

Board Meeting – No July Board Meeting.

August Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 19th at 1:00 pm – Ira Nelson Horticulture Center Library.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Juan requested a motion to adjourn.
Colette Anzalone moved that the meeting be adjourned
Ellen Garacci seconded the motion
Motion passed
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Soileau
LAFMGA Recording Secretary

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