

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 2019 Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 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 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Juan Nieto
Colette Anzalone
MaryAnn Armbruster
Ellen Garacci
Patricia Soileau
Marsha Bayer
Louann McClelland-Long
Mary Gladney
Paul Manuel

President: Juan Nieto called for the approval of the April Board Meeting minutes
Marsha Bayer moved to approve the April minutes
MaryAnn Armbruster seconded the motion
Motion passed

Through the remainder of 2019, Juan will be focusing on the School Gardens.
Juan has recently met with the majority of the School Garden groups and attended the majority of the interviews of the schools applying for the 2019-2020 program grants.
Announcements will be made in August, it appears that we may be accepting three new schools.
One school that is currently in the program may decide not to participate in the upcoming school year.

On June 10th, Juan will be meeting with the school garden volunteers and Charles Hebert to discuss the plans for the 2019/2020 school year.

Juan is scheduled to meet with MG Carole Broussard (class of 2017) in an effort to recruit her assistance with the administrative/clerical work of the School Gardens.

Vice President: Colette Anzalone has moved speaker, Chap Gary, to give a presentation at our August 7th Membership Meeting.

September will be our MG Appreciation month. Because part of our funding comes from the Lafayette City/Parish Council, Juan would like to invite some of the council members to attend our September Meeting. Colette will be scheduling representatives from our different committees to discuss their activities.

Colette has scheduled speakers for the October and November meetings.

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy, not present

Correspondence Secretary: Ellen Garacci, recently sent cards to the following:

Al Breaux – Husband of former member, Shannon Breaux, who recently died. Al donated plants to our organization in Shannon's name.

Mary Kramer – Her mother died

Recording Secretary: Patricia Soileau - present, no report

Patricia will not be able to attend the June Membership Meeting. Louann McClelland-Long has agreed to take minutes for that meeting.

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

Volunteer Coordinator: Louann McClelland-Long, will have a report next month, listing the volunteer status of our members.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Editor: Mary Gladney, asked if the monthly presentations at the library in Youngsville will be on the second Thursday of each month. MaryAnn confirmed that is correct.

Mary will begin including a notice in the newsletter, reminding members that the top ten (10) volunteers with the highest number of recorded hours (cut-off date – November 30th) will be recognized at our December social.

Horticulture Hints: Ellen Garacci informed us that she is waiting on editing material for the next issue of Horticulture Hints. Our number of subscriptions has decreased by approximately 15 subscribers.

Handbook Committee: Louann McClelland-Long, has a list of several items that need to be addressed by the Board. Louann will try to contact the committee members and have suggestions ready for the June Board Meeting.

Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee: Juan Nieto stated that the State Advisory Meeting may not happen. If the meeting happens, the focus has been switched to giving presentations to the people that allocate funds to the AG Center, discussing benefits of the MG program, in an effort to encourage them to continue funding.

After discussion, Patricia Soileau moved that we send a letter to the State MG Coordinator, Sarah Shields, asking her to address our concerns with some of the State policies and guidelines. The letter will also include our recommendations on how to address the issues that we find problematic. The letter will be signed by our Board members and copies will be sent to Charles Hebert and Dan Devenport.

MaryAnn Armbruster seconded the motion
Motion Passed.

Healer's Garden/Healing Traditions of Acadiana: MaryAnn Armbruster informed us that this is the fifth year of the Healing Traditions of Acadiana Lecture Series. The most recent presentation had over sixty (60) people in attendance.

Speaker's Bureau: Juan Nieto stated that the Abbeville Garden Club has requested speakers for the club meetings.

He asked them to send us a list of the dates needed.

Colette Anzalone is working with the Speaker's Bureau and Garden Talks. We need someone to manage the Ask-A-Master Gardener program. Ricky James has agreed to deliver and pick-up the table, banner, and necessary supplies when we are managing the booth.

Committee Chairs: The following committees need a chairperson:

Ask-A-Master Gardener

Field Trips

Junior Master Gardener

Photos: Louann asked that we remind members to take photos at all events for the newsletter and our PowerPoint presentation.

New Business:

MG Appreciation Month: Juan would like to designate September as a time to honor our members. He has created a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate our projects and programs. Juan would like Board Members and committee members to add to the PowerPoint. Also, during the September Membership Meeting, Juan would like to recognized the teachers working with School Gardens.

Juan will speak with Meagan Stogsdill, requesting assistance/technical advice with this project.

Christmas Social: Juan asked if we can increase the budget for our annual Christmas Social/Class Graduation.

MaryAnn Armbruster moved that we increase the annual budget for the Christmas Social by \$200.00

Louann McClelland-Long seconded the motion

Motion passed.

Announcements:

LAFMG June Membership Meeting:

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

12:30 PM

Lafayette Public Library – Main Branch

301 West Congress Street – Lafayette

Our speaker will be Charles Hebert and he will be discussing our Rules and Codes

Open to the public

LAFMG June Board Meeting:

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

1:00 PM

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center – Library

2206 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503

Open to all members

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Juan requested a motion to adjourn.
MaryAnn Armbruster moved that the meeting be adjourned
Colette Anzalone seconded the motion
Motion passed
Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Soileau
LAFMGA Recording Secretary

Approved: _____