

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, November 27, 2017/1:00 P.M.

Call to Order: LPMGA President Charles Turner called the Executive Board Meeting to order at approximately 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Charles Turner
Cindy Wiley
Dan Devenport
Lorraine Allain
Rene' Prejean
Juan Nieto
Jay Ruffin
Linda Beyt
Ellen Garacci
Patricia Soileau

President: Charles Turner discussed adding \$300 to the budget to cover the cost of insurance coverage for active LPMGA and Jr. LPMGA members. The cost is \$1 per person per year. Charles asked for a motion to amend the budget.

Linda Beyt motioned to amend the budget to include \$1 per person for active LPMGA and Jr. LPMGA members for accidental insurance. The motion was second by Cindy Wiley. Motion was voted on and approved by the board.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jay Ruffin has been sent application forms for sustainable membership. After verifying all necessary requirements including payment of the 2018 dues their certification will be approved by the board.

Member at Large: Lorrain Allain motioned to approve a sustainable membership certificate to Tommy Hayes and any other member who has completed their required hours of education and volunteer service. The motion was second by Cindy Wiley and approved by a vote of the board.

Reports:

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

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy, absent (No Report)

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Wiley transferred renewal forms to incoming Corresponding Secretary Ellen Garacci. Cindy also discussed sorting and then sending Greg Gautreau the amended rooster for printing membership cards for active members. Membership card will be ready for January 2018.

On the behalf of the LPMGA members, Cindy sent cards of comfort and concern to Gail Wakefield and Ellen Garacci.

Recording Secretary: Rene' Prejean (No Report)

Member at Large: Lorraine Allain (No Report)

Ag Rep: Dan Devenport relayed a request by a LPMGA member living in the Kaplan area to acquire volunteer service hours by working to revive and maintain a privately-owned pecan orchard. After a discussion by the board it was determined that the mission of LPMGA would not be met by this endeavor. It was suggested that working with Kaplan Elementary School garden program would be an alternative for getting volunteer hours in the Kaplan area. This will be relayed to the member.

Dan also reported that the Louisiana Plant Material Conference being held on 28 November is open for all LPMGA members.

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

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished Business: Construction of a restroom facility at the Demo bed/Cottage location are still being discussed. The existing sewer line for the proposed site is inadequate. Alternative options will be perused.

New Business: A request was submitted by Vice President Mary Ann Armbruster for board approval to start a lecture series at the East Reginal Library on the 2nd of each month. A discussion by the board followed with a decision to table the topic until the January board of directors meeting.

Cindy Wiley motioned to table the topic until the next board of directors meeting in January. Linda Beyt seconded the motion, with a vote in favor of the motion the board approved tabling the topic until the next meeting.

Announcements:

LPMGA General Membership Meeting – Wednesday, January 04, 2017, 6:00 P.M., Downtown Library

Executive Board Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2017, 1:00 P.M., Linda Beyt residence.

Adjournment: Charles Turner requested a motion to adjourn. Lorraine Allain moved to adjourn the meeting, and Linda Beyt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by Rene' Prejean

LPMGA Recording Secretary

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