

**LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 2019 Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 25 November 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  
MaryAnn Armbruster  
Colette Anzalone  
Ellen Garacci  
Patricia Soileau  
Marsha Bayer  
Mary Gladney  
Paul Manuel  
Gail Wakefield

**President:** Juan Nieto called for the approval of the October Board Meeting minutes  
MaryAnn Armbruster moved to approve the October minutes  
Ellen Garacci seconded the motion  
Motion passed

Juan met with Pam Womack to discuss plans for the December Social/Class Graduation. To date, eighty (80) people have registered to attend. A slide show is planned and we are in need of pictures and videos to include in the program. Mary Gladney gave Juan a flash drive with photos of different MG activities.

Juan discussed the School Gardens – the programs are up and running and MGs are working closely with each class.

Moncus Park representatives have requested to meet with us to discuss scheduling Garden Talks at Moncus Park. They would like to schedule speakers and events beginning early 2020.

**Vice President:** Colette Anzalone had scheduled Dr. Allen Owings to speak at our January 8<sup>th</sup> MG Membership Meeting. Dr. Owings had a conflict and has been rescheduled to speak at noon, during our February Membership Meeting. Mary Courville will be the speaker at our January meeting, discussing Project Wildlife.

Juan Nieto gave a presentation to the Abbeville Garden Club. Former MG, Judge Edwards, was there and said he would be willing to give a presentation to our organization on bamboo.

Colette Anzalone recently gave a presentation to the Charles Burke School Garden Class on Cut Flowers.

**Treasurer:** Debbie Dupuy – absent

**Corresponding Secretary:** Ellen Garacci informed us that a member from the Lake Charles MG Association has moved to the Lafayette area and would like to transfer her membership. An email was received from Calcasieu Parish LSU Extension Agent, Robert Turley, stating that this person is a member in good standing and that she will be an asset to our organization.

**Recording Secretary:** Patricia Soileau – present, no report.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Louann McClelland Long - absent

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

**Newsletter Editor:** Mary Gladney told members that the Green T. Linden School Garden Class had a successful sweet potato harvest.

December Newsletter will be sent November 25<sup>th</sup>. Mary received notice that three people (Susan Gosnell, Sandi Leonard, Martha Giroir) have not received last month's newsletter. Mary is working to resolve the issue.

**Healer's Garden/Healing Traditions of Acadiana:** MaryAnn Armbruster said that she did a presentation/demonstration for the Healing Traditions program on how to make lotions and creams. There were 30 people in attendance.

## **New Business:**

**Demo Beds:** Gail Wakefield discussed that the Demo Beds has an annual budget of \$4,000. They currently have \$2,112 remaining in that budget and would like to use \$1,607.40 of these funds to install edging around some of their beds (Shrubs & Vegetable). After discussion, Patricia Soileau moved to release funds from the Demo Beds remaining budget for the purchase of edging.

MaryAnn Armbruster seconded the motion

Motion passed.

**Platinum Members (20-year membership):** Gail Wakefield purchased two (2) gift baskets for members who achieved Platinum Status in 2019 – Becky Taylor and Lois Manuel. The cost of the two baskets was \$159.78

Equipment: Colette stated that we need new tents and tables for PlantFest.

Juan discussed the need for shelving in the Cottage, a storage building with floor (8' x 16'), wagons/carts, and tents. He is planning to meet with Billy Welsh to discuss and receive approval.

A vote will be taken after all information is gathered and Billy has granted permission for adding the structure.

## **Announcements:**

**LAFMG December Membership Meeting/December Social/Class Graduation**

Tuesday, 3 December 2019

6:00 PM

Petroleum Club of Lafayette

111 Heymann Blvd - Lafayette

**LAFMG December Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, 17 December 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 1:46 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Soileau  
LAFMGA Recording Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_