

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 2019 Board Meeting
Tuesday, 15 October 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
Marsha Bayer
Ellen Garacci
Patricia Soileau
Mary Gladney
Dan Devenport
Don Weintritt
Kathryn Soileau

President: Juan Nieto opened the meeting at 1:04 pm and called for the approval of the September Board Meeting minutes

MaryAnn Armbruster moved to approve the September minutes

Marsha Bayer seconded the motion

Motion passed

Juan informed the Board that the School Gardens are up and running, some have already begun planting.

The Christmas Social/Class Graduation will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd. They would like to borrow TV monitors to play photos taken during the year and to play the slide show shown during our MG Appreciation Day.

Vice President: Colette Anzalone notified the Board members that the speaker for our November Membership Meeting has been changed to Karen Gulotta, who will be discussing Plumerias.

She is looking for speakers to attend the Abbeville Garden Club meetings on January 20th and February 17th of 2020.

Dr. Allen Owings will be speaking at our February 2020 Membership Meeting.

November 2019 Membership Meeting will be at the Downtown branch of the Lafayette Public Library at 12:30 pm.

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen Garacci sent condolence cards to Jeanell Menard and Patricia Soileau for the loss of their nephew.

Get well cards were sent to Norman Balliviero and Peggy Taylor.

Recording Secretary: Patricia Soileau – present, no report

Juan Nieto extended condolences to Patricia on behalf of the Board for the loss of her nephew, Michael Begnaud.

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

LSU AgCenter Agent: Dan Devenport was contacted by Theresa Guidry regarding Sue Stokes. Ms. Stokes is a MG in St. Tammany Parish and is moving to the Lafayette area. She is a member in good standing and would like to transfer her membership here.

The MGIT class is winding down, only two classes remaining.

Going forward, all MG public meetings and activities will need to be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Dan will be attending a training session regarding this matter.

Newsletter Editor: Mary Gladney, will send photos from MG Appreciation Day to Juan.

Barbara McConnell (class of 2019) is now volunteering with the Newsletter. She will be acting as Historian and a hard drive will be purchased for storage of files.

Unfinished Business:

Scenic Lafayette/Azalea Trail requested funds of \$500.

MaryAnn Armbruster moved that we grant a one-time donation of \$100 to Scenic Lafayette/Azalea Trail.

Patricia Soileau seconded the motion.

Motion passed

We would like to plant a tree in honor of former ULL baseball coach, Tony Robichaux, who died in July 2019.

Juan would like to work with ULL Planning Committee to discuss planting and location of a memorial tree.

Juan will contact Mike Hess with ULL, inviting him to speak with our membership.

Ellen Garacci – Code of Conduct form must be on file for every member

Dan Devenport – Several members from the MG class of 2019 are working with Chuck Schrader and the gardens at LARC. Dan asked if we could budget money for this program? It was discussed that Chuck can make this request when submitting his annual budget.

Announcements:

November Membership Meeting: Wednesday, November 6th at 12:30 pm

Lafayette Public Library – Downtown Branch

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.

January 2020 Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th.

November Board Meeting – Will not be held on Tuesday, November 19th. Meeting moved to Monday, November 25th 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 2:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Soileau
LAFMGA Recording Secretary

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