

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

Monday, October 23, 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

Ellen Garacci

Linda Beyt

Jay Ruffin

Cindy Wiley

Debbie Dupuy

Dan Devenport

Rene' Prejean

Lorraine Allain

Patricia Soileau

President: Charles Turner asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting.

Linda Beyt motion to accept said minutes and Jay Ruffin second the motion.

The Executive Board voted to accept the minutes and the motion was approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Cindy Wiley stated that the new Renewal form was in the Handbook. It will not be provided electronically this year, but will be given out to the new LPMGA in training members. Cindy noted that when printed committees listing are continued on back of the printed page. Cindy also suggested that the corresponding secretary position include a committee to help accomplish all task required. In addition, cards were sent to members from LPMGA acknowledging illnesses and sympathy to members in need.

Treasurer: Debbie Dupuy went over changes to the budget:

- Add \$1500.00 to MGIT class

- Charles Turner asked for a motion to increase Ira Nelson Hort Center budget to \$10,000.00 to renovate Pagoda. Linda Beyt so motioned, Jay Ruffin seconded, board voted to approve.

- Charles Turner asked for a motion to increase Plant Stock budget to \$2000.00. Linda Beyt motioned to increase budget as stated above. Motion was seconded by Debbie Dupuy, motion approved.

- A motion by Lorraine Allain to reimburse Allen Owens \$200.00 for expenses incurred as a speaker at Fall Plant Fest was presented to the board. Debbie Dupuy seconded the motion. Motion approved by the board.

- Jay Ruffin to requested monies to be placed in the budget for the volunteer coordinator position. Linda Beyt motioned to include \$200.00 in the budget. Debbie Dupuy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

- It was motioned by Linda Beyt to include Speakers in the Education Related section of the budget with a \$125.00 inclusion of monies.

- Debbie Dupuy introduced a motion to include \$1500.00 for Speakers Honorarium in the budget. Linda Beyt seconded the motion, motion passed by the board.

Charles Turner asked for a motion to accept the budget as presented. Jay Ruffin so motioned with Linda Beyt seconding the motion. Motion approved by the board.

Motion by Linda Beyt to amend the budget with the removal of \$10,000.00 from pagoda construction, increase Speakers Bureau budget to \$125.00, Speaker Honorarium to \$1500.00 and increase Fall Plant Sale budget from \$250.00 to \$1100.00. Second by Jay Ruffin, voted and approved by board, motion passed by board.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jay Ruffin to requested monies to be placed in the budget for the volunteer coordinator position. Linda Beyt motioned to include \$200.00 in the budget. Debbie Dupuy seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Ag Rep: Dan Devenport, announced that his responsibilities will now include Acadia parish. Dan also led a discussion on moving Garden Talks away from Moncus Park due to lack of interest in that location. Also mentioned were two upcoming events in Baton Rouge at the LSU Burton Center: - 14 Nov – Louisiana Plant Material Conference- for LPMGA members - 28 Nov – Louisiana Plant Material Conference – for Commercial vendors

Newsletter Chairman: Theresa Rohloff Absent (No Report).

Committee Reports: None Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Linda Beyt reported on the nominees for Outstanding LPMGA, they are: -John Fontaine -Heather Warner-Finely -Babette Werner -Gail Wakefield -Theresa Guidry

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Charles Turner requested a motion to adjourn. Debbie Dupuy moved to adjourn the meeting, and Lorraine Allain seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 P.M.

_____ Respectfully Submitted by Rene' Prejean LPMGA Recording Secretary

Approved: _____