

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 2021

Tuesday, December 14/1:00 PM

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: LPMG Vice-President, Juan Nieto, called the board meeting to order at 1:05.

Role Call: Don Weintritt - absent, Colette Anzalone - absent, Juan Nieto, Kathy Troyanowski, Ellen Garacci, Debbie Dupuy - absent, Louann Long, Mary Gladney - absent, Dan Devenport, Judy Corne, Guests - Lois Manuel, Mary Domingue, Angela Moles

Juan asked for a motion to accept the November Board Minutes. LouAnn made a motion and Judy seconded. Minutes approved.

New Business: Lois and Mary have been working on a UL camellia project. Dan noted that Lois is a camellia specialist. Lois described what she is doing at the university. Camellia trees are being identified and tagged. Upon Lois' recommendation, UL has hired an outside landscape person to deal with any problems these trees have. This camellia area around the Alumni House was a very prominent area in the city landscape years ago, and UL is looking to preserve what is left of these historical trees. It could be an educational, historical and relaxing space with benches. Lois simply wanted the project approved as a sanctioned event, and Dan said this would fit under the category of Community Gardens. Dan created a handout titled "List of Sanctioned Activities/ Events" and gave a copy to the board members.

Juan has worked to procure speakers for the general meetings. In January, L.J. Delcambre and Karen Longon will be speaking on applied natives. An email was sent by Colette recently for the Ask a Master Gardener table on Arbor Day. The event will be January 22 at East Regional Library on LaNeuille Rd. From 9-12.

LouAnn said she will soon be writing reports for the hours we turned in. Some people have requested to rejoin the group. Dan suggested that LouAnn introduce herself to the MG group at the next meeting and let people know what she does. He mentioned that hopefully through good communication, we can get projects in members' areas such as New Iberia, Abbeville, and Crowley since we have members who live in these cities. It was also

suggested that Acadiana Master Gardeners might be a good future title for LPMGA because it would be all inclusive. This is something that would have to be sent to the membership for a vote if it was desired.

Ellen said the roster is up to date, and she is getting the three required forms in from members. On January 1, the new board comes in.

Juan requested that board members be at the general meeting next month so everyone can get to know us. Juan will be meeting with various committees beginning with seven members from Vermilion Parish. Juan said he wondered why we lose members in our organization, so he joined with the new class to see the members and learn why they joined MGs. He was able to share ideas of activities these new people might like to in our organization.

Ideas are formulating that with our new members, we could have talks that are good for the different parishes. Acadia Parish, Vermilion, and New Iberia Parish are all involved in the LPMGA. At the farmer's market in Abbeville, there could be a table set up there for networking.

The various committees could start promoting their work at the general membership meetings. LouAnn says there is a report form that members can use to let others know what they do in a newsletter article if they prefer not to speak. LouAnn said the handbook should be finished by September so everything will be current at that time.

Dan mentioned he attended a goals conference when he came to Lafayette. He said perhaps another could be set so the different parishes could attend. LouAnn said good communications are needed between committees and members to keep people involved.

Juan was wondering how we can assist county agents in other parishes. Dan said we can expand outward, but bring their ideas back home at the same time. Garden strolls, for example, can be in more than just Lafayette.

We say goodbye to board members Colette, Debbie, and Judy. We are grateful for your service to the board.

Announcements:

General Meeting - Wednesday, January 5 at 12 noon. Southside Library

Board Meeting - Tuesday, January 18 at 1:00. Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

LouAnn motioned to adjourn. Judy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:22.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski