

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2022  
Ira Nelson Library 1 PM

Call to Order: LPMG President, Juan Nieto, called the board meeting to order at 1:07.

Roll Call: Don Weintritt, Mary Gladney, Angela Moles, Ellen Garacci, Louann McClelland Long, Kathy Troyanowski, Marsha Bayer, Dan Davenport, Guests - Yvonne Lanoux, Paul Manuel

President: There were no minutes to approve. Juan will be meeting with Festival des Fleurs committee next Monday to discuss FDF. There will be educational garden talks, an Ask A MG Table, as well as 3 inside booths.

Vice President: Mary says meetings will continue at the Southside Library. The Main Library and Clifton are possible sites if needed. Mary can use 2 more speakers for the year. The Mayouxs will speak next month. Allen Owings and Dr. Ballard are possibilities for future speakers. Nurseries can be approached to see if they would like to speak and/or come to our meetings.

Treasurer: Angela will get on our account at the bank so she can issue checks.

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen sent out the roster. Currently there are 126 active members. Some members still need to submit forms and/or dues. Membership cards are ordered and Ellen hopes to hand out in February. Dan suggested that each vendor listed on the cards should be approached at the end of the year to make sure they are still willing to offer discounts.

Volunteer Coordinator: Louann mentioned some members said they tried to record hours and had issues. Sara Shields has been contacted and the situation is being looked at. Required hours are going back to normal this year.

Recording Secretary: Kathy complimented Yvonne on the clear and concise website for LPMG.

Member at Large: Marsha asked if we would continue giving committee and officer reports at the general meeting. Juan said that we will.

Newsletter: Mary mentioned that Barbara McConnell wrote a good article on Parish Rice which was developed by LSU Agcenter as a lower glycemic rice.

LSU Agent: Dan said the upcoming workshop by Carl Motsenbacher (Sustainable School Gardening) on Feb. 17 at the library can accommodate up to 40 people. Lunch will be provided. The course has hands-on activities and will probably cover the educational hours for the year. Information was sent to members. Dan is retiring on May 2.

Committee Reports: Regarding Horticulture Hints, Ellen is still sending out a few. For the Speaker's Bureau, Juan will be meeting with people. Garden Strolls may need co-chairs to help Cindy out. Perhaps having more education in the stroll can be provided by having extra people available. School gardens have been very quiet; Charles is working virtually with the teachers.

Old Business: Several noticed the food at graduation ceremony was mediocre. We may have to explore a different venue.

New Business: Moncus Park falls under the Community Gardens umbrella. We are basically a consulting group and can work on a project. However, maintenance is not something we log hours for. Members can however work as private citizens in helping out at the park.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 15 at 1 PM, Ira Nelson Library

Louann made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 2:29.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski