

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 2022

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: LPMG President, Juan Nieto, called the board meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call: Don Weintritt, Mary Gladney, Kathy Troyanowski, Ellen Garacci, Angela Moles, Louann Long, Marsha Bayer, Dan Devenport, Guests - Mary Kramer, Theresa Guidry, Chuck Schrader

President - Juan asked for a motion to approve minutes from the February Board Meeting. Louann made a motion to approve; Mary seconded. Minutes approved. Juan also requested a motion to approve Mary Kramer and Theresa Guidry's Meredith Place Gardening project in Scott. Marsha made a motion to approve the project as presented by Theresa and Mary with \$350 donated by the master gardeners. Louann seconded. Motion approved.

With regards to Moncus Park, Juan mentioned that he will have ideas to discuss with Mark Hernandez regarding educational opportunities. The MGs are not doing the iris project.

Immediate Past President - Don presented the board with a copy of his ballot for the State Conference hosting. In brief, Don said he wants to know if enough people are willing to work to support this project. A regional approach would share expenses so one chapter would have less exposure. Ballot will be sent out to poll the membership. If membership is interested, Don can give a presentation to all in September. That would give us a year to work on hosting this event.

Vice President's Report - Mary said the Southside Library is again lined up for April. There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of alternating time between noon and evening, and the possibility of alternating libraries. No change was made.

Treasurer's Report - Angela gave an update of our finances. There is \$28K in checking, a CD with \$17K and one with \$16K. All figures are rounded.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Ellen said more people were needed to help at children's activities at festival. It was suggested that Ellen ask other garden clubs to help out with this. Alice Blakewood is in charge of children's activities.

Volunteer Coordinator - Louann said Sara Shields wants our membership files purged (files deactivated) after two years of inactivity of a member. Files can be reactivated when members rejoin.

LSU Ag Rep. - Dan communicated with Sara Shields regarding our sanctioned events. Sara said 'the list can be updated as needed throughout the year, but she needs an initial submission from everyone by the end of the year'. Members agreed this needs to be in our handbook. Dan emphasized that future county agents will need to take care of this important procedure so that master gardeners are insured while participating in sanctioned events.

New Business: Chuck discussed his educational project (basic vegetable gardening skills) which was sent out earlier to the MG board. Various ideas were discussed including teaming with Second Harvest, working with MGS to firm up ideas for this project, and consulting with knowledgeable persons such as Marcus Descant, Jacob Williams, and Trincella Bonnet who worked with the McComb-Veazy project.

Next Board Meeting: April 19 Ira Nelson Horticulture Center, 1 pm

Next General Meeting: April 6, Southside Library, 12 noon

Mary motioned to adjourned meeting; Marsha seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski