

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2022/1:00 PM
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: President Juan Nieto called the executive board meeting to order at 1:04.

Roll Call: Don Weintritt, Mary Gladney - absent, Kathy Troyanowski, Ellen Garacci, Angela Moles, Louann Long, Marsha Bayer, Dan Devenport, Bootsie Durand and Yvonne Lanoux, guests

President: Juan requested a motion for the approval of the March board minutes. Marsha made a motion, Don seconded, minutes approved. Juan spoke briefly about the Festival Des Fleurs. He said there were powerpoint presentations, an Ask a MG Table at which issues of Horticulture Hints were distributed, and interest from the public in some wanting to become master gardeners. In other business, Juan said all reports requested by Charles and the AgCenter have been turned in. We were also reminded that as soon as the board approves a new project, we can immediately begin working on it. The AG Agent will tell Dr. Shields, and it will be added to the list of sanctioned events. He also stated that LARC is in the process of installing an irrigation system, and they may need additional funds for PVC supplies.

Immediate Past President: Don has about 30 volunteers for hosting a state convention and will give a presentation at the June meeting. Three parishes will be working on this, so liability will be spread out. Sponsors will be needed to help us out. Sara Shields will be involved in the mechanics of this undertaking. November of 2023 is the target date.

Treasurer's Report: Angela delivered a very thorough financial report including a Profit and Loss Statement for 2021, Budget for 2022, Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021, and a Reconciliation Summary for checking account ending March 2022. Our overall assets from the end of 2021 totaled \$138,039.75. Board members noticed that during Covid times, we made less money at sales, but we also spent less money. Juan gave a brief history regarding our money. The MGS at one point thought we were moving to Moncus Park and were trying to gather funds in order to do so. When it was decided that we were not making that move, the MGs started spending money on supplies that were needed

for plant sales, greenhouse repair, and irrigation and cottage improvements. MGs are still in need of greenhouse work. Some will begin investigating the possibility of building a new structure, but realize it would need to be movable in case one day we can no longer stay at the current location.

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen said we had 38 MG volunteers for the plant sale. Some monies are due to Billy, as we like to pay back and give to the university since they have been so generous to us. Ellen mentioned that Mary Waguespack's husband passed away and she will get a card to her.

LSU Ag Rep: Dan said this is his last board meeting, and he thanks us for welcoming and working with him. Dan mentioned that Stan was the one that mastered the MOU, and Stan is also retiring soon. Dan is now a master gardener, so he will be able to work with the members on projects. He is interested in creating a small fruit orchard near the cottage that would show the public how to grow low maintenance fruit. An Orchard Grant is being sought.

Unfinished Business: Bootsie and Yvonne gave the board a draft of the proposed updates to the website. Board members advised on which projects are still viable under the Programs and Activities Section. Bootsie sees our website as a recruitment tool. Yvonne said it is possible to protect our website by creating a MG sign in area. This way, sensitive member information would be available only to current MGs. During this discussion, Louann mentioned that the handbook would also be available online for new class members and that hard copies would no longer be made.

Announcements: Next Board Meeting is May 17, 1 PM, Ira Nelson Horticulture Center. Next General Meeting is June 1, Southside Library at 12 noon.

Louann made a motion to adjourn. Ellen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:53.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski

