

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 2022 Board Meeting
August 16, 2022
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: Juan Nieto, President, called the meeting to order at 1:03.

Vice President - Mary Gladney Past President - Heather Finley, absent
Recording Secretary - Kathy Troyanowski Treasurer - Angela Moles
Corresponding Secretary - Cindy Wiley and Meagan Stogsdill
Volunteer Coordinator - Louann Long Newsletter Editor - Mary Gladney
Member-at -Large - Marsha Bayer LSU Ag Rep - Maddox Miller
Guests - Pam Womack and Paul Manuel

Electronic Votes - On June 30, Louann moved that the separate drawings for 'small items' and drawings for 'large items' at our Plant Fest Events be combined into one drawing and that ticket prices for all drawing items be placed at \$5 per ticket. Don seconded. Motion passed by e-vote.

On August 1, Kathy moved that Meagan Stogsdill continue keeping up with the roster and Cindy Wiley continue sending cards to members when ill; both jobs will continue to the end of the year. Juan seconded. Motion passed by e-vote.

Marsha made a motion to approve the June Board minutes. Mary seconded, motion carried. Mary made a motion to appoint Heather Finley to the past president position. Mary so moved and Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

Juan said the school gardens are starting up in August. As soon as Juan gets proper authorization for getting back onto the school campuses, the schools will be posted and the members of School Garden Initiative can start getting the school gardens ready for fall planting. John Fontane has been active for years in this program and does an excellent job. Planting days at Burke are set for Sept 6th and 7th. Pam asked how a school can get involved. Juan said to apply early in January. The Speakers Bureau is getting started and has 3 engagements at Moncus Park. Speakers are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 PM in Sept, Oct, and Nov. Juan asked that we go through Speakers Bureau so we don't get overbooked. Several places have been asking for us. Juan wants to see an Ask A MG Table at

the Farmer's Market at Moncus. We need a chairman. Ricky no longer does this; he used to set this up. Juan asked the board to look for people to give an award to at the October meeting. Each board member should choose one person to give a short presentation about.

Mary let us know that Mark Hernandez will be the speaker in September. Mary has been approached by members wanting meetings at the downtown library. No change has been made on our meeting place. Mary mentioned that the Gardeners Gazette has had article contributions by several people including Tommy Hayes and Carol Antosiak. She mentioned the Festival des Fleurs 30th anniversary is coming up, and there will be a new website to celebrate this event.

Angela Moles completed 40 hours as a MG from class of 2021. Juan gave her a certificate. We are grateful to have Angela on our board.

Meagan said the roster she sent may still be a rough draft. Many people are still sending in information. Cindy sent a welcoming card to Maddox. Beth Mouton is still having issues in rehabilitation. Ellen Grote will soon be having knee surgery. Cindy also reports that Plant Fest Checkout and Tally are complete. Fall garden strolls will be occurring soon. Yvonne Lanoux has been a great help in the antique rose bed.

Kathy reported that the vegetable bed is still going strong, and any members are welcome to join or just get information on Wednesdays.

Marsha spoke about the Healer's Garden at Vermilionville. It is nationally recognized; every plant has a sign with uses. All are native plants. Tinctures and salves have been made with these plants.

Louann and her committee are updating the handbook. By the end of the year, she will present a copy to all of the members to look through.

Maddox reported that 34 students are in the new class. LMG Appreciation Day is September 16 from 8:30- 2 in Hammond. Jeannelle sent out a link. Let them know by August 31.

Pam Womack did extensive research on possible venues for the December Graduation and Social. It was decided that this event will stay at Petroleum Club for now.

Announcements:

- A. Executive Board Meeting is Sept. 20, 1 PM, Ira Nelson Library.
 - B. Next General Meeting is September 7, Southside Library, 12 noon.
- Adjournment: Kathy made a motion to adjourn, Marsha seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski