LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

INHC, 1 PM

Call to Order: President Juan Nieto called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.

Roll Call: Mary Gladney, Kathy Troyanowski, Heather Finley, Meagan Stogsdill, Cindy Wiley, Angela Moles, Louann Long, Marsha Bayer, Maddox Miller, guests Mary Kramer and Bootsie Durand

President: Juan asked for a motion to approve November Board Minutes. Heather made a motion; Mary Gladney seconded. Minutes approved. Heather made a motion to approve proposal to work with Channel 15 as written. Marsha seconded. Motion carried. Juan elaborated on our partnership with Moncus Park. Abbie Judice is the contact person for the park. One bed is currently being maintained by Debbie Dupuis. It will educate the public on the LSU Super Plants. There are also irises around the lake. Garden talks will still be given through lectures and handouts. The Ask A Master Gardener event will still occur. Mary made a motion to approve Moncus Park Proposal as written. Heather seconded. Motion passed.

Immediate Past President Heather said she picked up the vase for OMG . Corresponding Secretary Meagan reports that the Facebook page is resolved and posting is resuming. We now also have a Facebook group exclusively for our members where they can share events and photos, communicate with each other, and get MG news. MG members can sign in to learn about special events scheduled just for master gardeners. Mary Kramer mentioned that the project she and Theresa are involved in may start up in January since Meredith’s Place is open now.

Treasurer Angela had questions regarding the monies for the school garden initiative. We donate funds for new schools. Charles Hebert has some grants. He will let us know when we can contribute our money.

Vice President Mary said perhaps we should look into grants to help our budget so we have more inflow thank outflow. Many ideas were tossed about at this point. Maybe PlantFest Committee should try to borrow items. Possibly increase the cost of the MG class as expenses run high. Maddox said he will call around and see what average dues and costs are. Possibly let the new class know that their fees covers 2 years as well as their book, first social, and name badges. Maddox has written grants and he mentioned the WalMart Healthy Habits grant. The Farm Bureau gives money to schools in SGI. Charles isn’t pushing for growth in SGI since volunteers are a limiting factor. Meagan said the volunteer form asked for people interested in SGI. Other money saving ideas include finding a business that may want to lend a tent for Plant Fest. Tents could have their names. Sponsors can be thanked. Could have t-shirts with sponsors for gold, silver, and platinum donations. Could do mini labs and charge a small amount. Possibly procure a guest speaker that we could charge for. Heather made a motion that we set up an AdHoc Committee to look at fund raising. Motion seconded by Louann. Motion carried.

Meagan motioned for meeting to be adjourned. Mary Gladney seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:48.

Announcements:

General Meeting - January 4 at Southside Library, noon

Board Meeting - January 17th at Ira Nelson, 1 PM