

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2022 Board Meeting/1:00
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: President Juan Nieto called the executive board meeting to order at 1:01.

Roll Call: Don Weintritt, Mary Gladney, Kathy Troyanowski, Ellen Garacci - absent, Angela Moles, Louann Long - absent, Marsha Bayer - absent, Judy Higgins - guest, Lynn Dubois - guest

President: Juan asked for a motion to approve the May board minutes. Mary made a motion to approve, Angela seconded. Minutes approved.

Juan wants all of the board members to take a look at the list of committees for which our members earn hours. He is looking for ideas on what we could do at a general meeting in September that would recognize some of the outstanding members of our organization. Once we find some of these members, we may have a good candidate for outstanding master gardener. Juan asked that we be aware of people in these different committees that may be up for recognition. Juan mentioned also that we may list in our newsletter which positions are still in need of co-chairs. (Newsletter needs co-chair, Speaker's Bureau needs a chair, and school gardens as well as Ask A MG still need assistance.) We will also be needing members to step up for several of the board positions that will be coming vacant. Louann says that volunteerism is still down a bit, but that may be expected because of covid and the return of members when they are comfortable in coming back. Juan met with Mark Hernandez of Moncus Park. Juan let Mark know that we wish to a) be an educational service, b) possibly have an Ask A MG table at the farmer's market and c) have garden talks with the speaker's bureau. Juan assured us that we would enter slowly into an agreement with Moncus Park. Members of our organization have expressed concern with the poor use of funding and inexperience of the landscapers present at the park. Juan said we will go through all of the steps required to approve such a project including seeking approval from LSU AgCenter. There are many required steps, and this is a long process. Finalization will probably not occur before next year. Juan also said that we need to form a nominating committee soon for new board members and that an email may be sent out through Jeanelle regarding this.

Immediate Past President - Don says for now, the state convention is stalled.

Newsletter: Mary want an official cochair.

Corresponding Secretary: Since Ellen is still in recovery from her surgery, Cindy Wiley volunteered to handle correspondence. She will be sending out a card to Jennifer Lacombe whose daughter passed away.

LSU Ag Rep - Juan said that Stuart will take over a lot of the duties for the class this year. Paul Manuel is still running and coordinating the class.

Committee Reports: Board members, please remember your homework assignment. Juan asked that we ALL look over the lists of committees we have and familiarize ourselves with their work.

New Business: Lynn submitted a proposal to start paying speakers at Plant Festival and meetings. Through a discussion, we learned that we already do this sometimes. We may wish to look at our speakers and possibly expand our list. Also, our vice president is our program director.

Upcoming Board Meeting: August 16, 1 pm at INHC.

Next General Meeting: August 3, Southside Library at 12 noon.

Mary made a motion to adjourn. Kathy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:52.

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Troyanowski