

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

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

Roll Call: Juan Nieto, Mary Gladney, Kathy Troyanowski, Meagan Stogsdill, Cindy Wiley, Angela Moles - absent, Louann Long, Marsha Bayer, Maddox Miller, Paul Manuel and Diana Lombana- guests

Juan asked for a motion to approve September minutes; Mary made a motion. Marsha seconded. Minutes approved.

Presidents report: Juan will try to look for a different spot to have our next garden talk at Moncus Park. There will be one more set-up for the Ask A Master Gardener Table (Nov. 5th) . The table will be back at the market on Feb. 4th. We are still looking for a chairman and set-up person. Juan and crew have been busy working at school gardens on 4 of the schools . In website news, Juan hopes to have more items posted there for everyone to view. For example, Ask A Master Gardener will be posted under resources on the website.

Immediate Past President Heather Finley reported that there were now several nominees for the OMG award.

Vice President Mary Gladney is still talking with the Ch. 15 news crew regarding the gardening taping sessions. Mary reports it is doable with little or no cost to us. Mary would like a committee of about 5 members for this task.

Corresponding Secretary Meagan said to look in your email for an updated roster that is going out. Also the Code of Conduct and Volunteer forms are available for filling out and turning in. Cindy Jensen applied for sustaining member. Cindy Risinger asked for a committee to assist her in handling raffles. Plant Fest is currently getting reorganized, and perhaps she can be listed under Plant Fest so we don't have too many committees. Cindy Wiley noted that a card was sent to Judy Corne who was recently sick and one to Becky Taylor who had cataract surgery.

Member At Large Marsha Bayer brought a guest, Diana Lombana, to discuss a proposal. The project involves Atelier de la Nature events that are related to horticultural education. The board read over the proposal and saw there may be parts of this project that we can allow the membership to help with. Briefly, three different days were mentioned. Earth-type Day, Prairie Planting Day, and a Halloween event. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

LSU Ag Rep Maddox Miller mentioned that he is learning many different new skills with regards to being a county agent. Maddox plans on taking the pesticide training class next.

Newsletter Editor Mary mentioned that Mary Ann Armbruster is interested in helping with the newsletter.

Under Unfinished Business, it was noted that our pinestraw bales are coming out of Florida now. Maggie Menard has taken over Theresa Gore's spot as chairman. Maggie will need help on the second day of the sale (3 or 4 strong people to help load since bales will be bigger). Pickup is Nov. 11th and 12th. There is a possible supplier in Mandeville for the future. The bales are coming out of the budget this year for all of our demo beds. John Hebert will be the spring pine straw chair.

New Business: The Speakers Bureau was updated on the website. Also being worked on is Members Only section and social media. Juan asked us to study the budget that he handed out, and he is hoping Angela will be able to explain the budget at the next meeting. Juan noticed a \$500 CFA Fund Fee and wondered why this is one of our fees. No one on the board knew the answer to this, so we briefly discussed the idea of developing a financial committee to keep an eye on our expenses, help out the treasurer, and insure continuity of knowledge over the years of any investments we have.

Announcements: Next Board meeting is November 15th at the same time and place. Next General meeting is November 2nd at the DOWNTOWN library at 12 noon.

Heather made a motion to adjourn; Cindy seconded. Meeting adjourned around 2:25.

