

LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022 Board Meeting/1:00
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: President Juan Nieto called the executive board meeting to order at 1:05.

Roll Call: Heather Finley, Mary Gladney, Angela Moles - absent, Meagan Stogsdill, Cindy Wiley, Kathy Troyanowski, Marsha Bayer, Louann Long, Maddox Miller, Mary Gladney, Kevin Besse - Guest

President: Juan asked for a motion to approve the August Board Meeting minutes. Mary made a motion; Marsha seconded. Minutes approved. Juan reported that he emailed several people the PlantFest map that had been approved by Billy, and Charles Hebert sent this to UL and we got approval to continue the PlantFest preparations. School Gardens are moving forward in that members who have been fingerprinted may now work in the schools. Some gardens will have to have soil added. Kevin Besse has completed his forty hours and received his certificate and name badge.

Immediate Past President: Heather announced that we do have a slate of officers for our fall election and they are as follows: Bootsie Durand-vice-president, Mary Kraemer - recording secretary, Megan Stogsdill - corresponding secretary, Christine Davenport and Yvonne Lanoux - member at large. Heather suggested that it would help if a member was selected from the general population for the nominating committee and one for the outstanding master gardener committee. This would allow these folks a whole year to observe members for the OMG award and would streamline the election process. This idea is tabled for now.

Vice President: Mary said that Alden Hebert with Ch. 15 reached out to Juan with an idea for a gardening type program. Alden suggested that pre-recorded segments of 3 - 5 minutes could be filmed of MGs speaking on various topics such as raised beds, native plants, and vegetable growing. Mary said Alden's group would create the beds, not us. She suggested possibly forming a little committee to suggest content and any other needs. Meagan said it would be good to post these to U-tube. Mary suggested we invite Sara Shields (state coordinator) to one of our events so that she could meet us and learn about our group. A social or

general meeting was suggested, but it was noted that general meetings are open to all master gardeners and this may be the best avenue for such a meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Meagan is sending out another updated roster. Code of Conduct and Committee sheets will be going out at the October meeting. Cindy noted that MaryAnn Nix's son Clay passed away. Beth Mouton has finally been able to return home from the hospital.

Member at Large - Marsha received an email from Chuck Schrader regarding his educational project in partnering with the Second Harvest and logging hours. Chuck is allowed to log his volunteer hours for this since it is an approved project.

Volunteer Coordinator - Louann received verification that travel time to meetings could be counted. Briefly, if travel is over 250 miles, this request would have to be turned in. Louann gave an example for members going to a general meeting. MGs could count one hour for education plus travel time to get there. Miles are not recorded. Louann is posting information on this in the September newsletter.

LSU AgAgent - Maddox said 280 people attended the MG Appreciation Day. Twenty were from Lafayette. Superplants were discussed as well as plant trials shown to the attendees. Maddox states the MG class is over halfway through and going well. Maddox said it would be helpful for the AgAgent to have access to our FB page. Meagan agrees that a streamlined process is needed for this page.

The question was asked regarding who the contact persons are for the Medicinal Plants of Vermilionville. They are Mary Perrin and MaryAnn Armbruster. A question was also posed as to whether members can work on LSU approved projects in any parish; the answer is yes.

Newsletter: Mary said the newsletter would be sent out before PlantFest.

Committee Reports: Two projectors have been purchased for events. Juan has a computer with administrative files and other things that may need backup. When a new computer is purchased, it needs to have

enough RAM for our needs. Computer cost will be in the \$500-600 range.

Announcements:

Board Meeting - October 18, 1:00, Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

General Meeting - October 5 at noon. Program will be recognizing some of the hard working master gardeners.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski