

LPMGA Executive Board Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2022/1:00 PM
Ira Nelson Horticulture Center

Call to Order: President Juan Nieto called the meeting to order at 1:13.

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

President: Juan asked for a motion to approve the April board minutes. Ellen made a motion; Marsha seconded. Minutes approved.

Juan said interviews have begun with schools that have applied to the school gardens. 9 schools in all have applied. Judice Middle did not apply this year, so Baranco Elementary may be filling that slot. The school garden meeting will probably occur in July at the AgCenter. Juan asked us to notify him if we cannot make a meeting (board meeting in this case) so he can determine if we have enough people to conduct business. Juan spoke about the channel 15 Master Gardener interview that occurred on Monday, the 16th. Al Hebert went to the demo beds and interviewed Juan, Becky Taylor, Susan Mead, Gail Wakefield, Heather Finley and Kathy. Juan mentioned that we still have committees that need chairs. Our Speakers' Bureau needs help as well. It is important to have co- chairs so that when a chair can no longer serve, another member has knowledge of what the committee work entails and can step in. Transitioning is hard without this system in place.

Juan asked that we make a copy of the 27 master gardener committees. (Board members may still have the copy that was handed out a few months ago.) Juan asked that we familiarize ourselves with what is going on with all of these different committees. The committees are listed on our website. Juan said it may be possible in September to have committees report on what they are doing and generate interest in those committees.

We are losing Don as he is moving to Texas. We appreciate all of the board meeting work, state convention research as well as the demo bed irrigation work he completed for us on a regular basis. It was suggested

that we remove Don's name from the roll call as he is quite busy trying to wrap up loose ends in Lafayette and get his family settled in Houston.

Juan said Don will help wrap up some irrigation work at the demo beds and conference work when he has a little time.

Corresponding Secretary: Ellen said there was a good turnout at the plant and seed swap. Ellen says she continues to get inquiries regarding MGs for things such as setting up an educational table at a farmer's market, getting information on healing Gardens, and doing a television spot on KADN. Ellen can also share a FB post regarding the startup of the new class. Ellen had surgery scheduled this week; we hope all goes well.

Member at Large: Marsha Bayer gave board members a copy of a proposal to mentor volunteers in the care and maintenance of Moncus Park Louisiana Iris Garden. She asked that members read over the proposal so it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator: Louann redid the 2021 class hours so Paul Manual can get certificates to those who have completed 40 hours. Paul needs information and may need to check out computers from the AgCenter to get the required documents to the new class in the fall. Juan mentioned that Babette will be reporting to us soon on the new class. Paul has been working with Babette 2 full years. Stuart has been giving a helping hand too. He may be able to help with the class. Louann said that Colette will take over the new class mentors. Louann will help with badges and certification. Louann informed us that Sara Shields did a purge 2 years ago and will be doing a second purge soon. Accounts can be deactivated and later reactivated.

Juan mentioned that Charles Hebert and Sara Shields will be coming in for a meeting in June.

LSU Ag Rep: LSU will begin interviews for an Ag agent on Friday.

Announcements: Next board meeting is June 21, same time and place.
Next general meeting is June 1, Southside Library at 12 noon.

Marsha made a motion to adjourn meeting, Louann seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:56.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Troyanowski