

## **LPMGA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Ira Nelson Horticulture Center**

**Tuesday March 19,2024 / 1:00PM**

**Call to Order:** LPMGA President, Margaret “Bootsy” Durand, called the Executive Board meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

### **Roll Call: 2023 Board:**

Bootsie Durand

Mary Gladney

John Hebert

Yvonne Lanoux- absent

Mary Kramer- late

Meagan Stogsdill- absent

Ed Willingham

Rusty Petitjean

Maddox Miller

### **Guests:**

Louann McClelland -Long

Patricia Soileau

Anna Gauthier

**Approval of February Executive Board Meeting Minutes:** Bootsie asked for a motion to approve the February Board Minutes. Mary Gladney made the motion; John Hebert seconded. Minutes approved.

### **President’s Report :**

-Bootsie announced that Collette Anzalone is the new Cottage Keeper.

-Bootsie stated that the association is listed differently on 2 important documents.

On our IRS Letter of Determination, we are listed as Lafayette Parish Master Gardener Association, but on the registration Articles of Incorporation, with the

Secretary of State the word, "Parish" is omitted. Bootsie will ask Yvonne to contact the Secretary of State's office to ask to standardize the name.

-The memorial stone for Mazie Movassaghi has been placed at Moncus Park, only costing \$50. The remaining of the \$336 collected by membership will be used to place a memorial at the Demo Beds. We also have \$2400 in the memorial fund established by the family.

-Yvonne Lanoux will not continue as Treasurer in 2025. The nominating committee will need to nominate to fill this office. Discussion was held on how this might best be done, since it has been difficult in past years. Suggestions included; dividing the treasurer's duties between 2 members, asking a qualified person to first be on the Finance Committee to "train" for the position, (assistant treasurer), hiring someone to enter the information into QuickBooks and, ask Anita Petitjean to include accounting background question when interviewing for the 2025 class.

**Vice- President Report:** John Hebert stated that Dan Gill will not be able to speak at the April meeting. Our speaker will be Beverly Fusilier, MG, and co-author of "Healing Traditions of South Louisiana, Prayers, Plants and Poultices." The meeting will be held on April 2, 2024 at noon at the Downtown library, Main Branch.

**Past President:** No report

**Treasurer:** Absent, no report.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Absent, no report

**Recording Secretary:** No report

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Rusty Petitjean reported, and Maddox confirmed, that 4 members were denied "Active" status because they reported enough hours but in the wrong category ( volunteer and educational). One member had not signed the Code of Conduct form. Maddox will investigate how to resolve future mistakes of this type. Rusty moved and John Hebert seconded that these individuals be returned to "Active" status as soon as we receive their Code of Conduct, if that is all that is preventing them from having that status.

**Member at Large:** Ed Wilhelm reported that several members questioned why MGs did not receive a discount to the Dans Le Jardin. Bootsie addressed this at a

recent propagation meeting. The event was a designated fund raiser and even committee members were required to pay.

Ed also presented a Budget of \$400 to repair ( phase one) the drainage between the greenhouse and shade house. Mary Kramer moved and Mary Gladney seconded to approve the project. Ed will send an email about the work day, as he will need volunteers. A lunch will be served to all who volunteer.

**LSU AG Report:** Maddox again reminded of the Iberia Parish Ag Adventures for 3rd grade students in April. MGs are needed to help with exhibits; entomology, beekeeping, and food and nutrition.

Maddox also reminded that the Advanced Master Gardener program will not be offered again until 2026. Participants need to pass the Pesticide Applicators test to participate in the class.

**Old Business:** Patricia Soileau and Louann presented additional information on the Handbook. The first handout was the revised draft of LPMGA Bylaws for the Board to review. The second was a proposed change to the Bylaws. Article III. Membership. Section C. Rights and Privileges. It reads "2. Associate members shall have the right to vote and holds any Executive Board office except the presidency." The proposed change reads," Apprentice members shall earn the right to vote once their volunteer obligation is completed and they have become Certified Louisiana Master Gardeners." Mary Gladney moved to accept the revision and John Hebert seconded the motion. Motion passed. This change will be voted on by the membership.

**New Business:** Anna Gauthier submitted a proposal for our Association to further support the seed library at the Lafayette Parish Library, Main Branch. She asked that a donation box be kept at the cottage and that any extra seed donated by members be placed in the box, along with the seed information form provided, and regularly collected for the library. This collection will also be an extension of the Plant and Seed Swap. Mary Kramer move to accept the proposal, Mary Gladney seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.