

## **LMGA General Meeting Minutes**

### **Southside Library**

**Wednesday March 1, 2023 /12:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** LPMGA President Mary Gladney called the General Membership meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

#### **Approval of February 1, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Lynn DuBois moved to accept the February minutes. Pam Womack seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

#### **President's Report: Mary Gladney**

Mary announced that the 2023 budget was to be presented for adoption but before doing that, she summarized the work of the Finance Committee ( Angela Moles, John Hebert, and Judy Higgins) on how and why they derived the 2023 budget, after 2 unusual years due to COVID shutdown. She also requested that members, especially Committee Chairmen, familiarize the "Money Matters" section in the LPMGA Handbook (p17). She requested, as outlined, that Committee Chairmen submit a Budget Worksheet in Nov/Dec for the upcoming year. Budget and Reimbursement forms can be found in the Handbook, on the MG website, in a file at the cottage and through Gail Wakefield Demo Garden Chairman.

Mary further requested that all members (per approval of Committee Chairperson) submit the Reimbursement Form with receipts to the Treasurer within 30 days of purchase, so that funds can be spent within the current budget year. The reimbursement form is to help the Treasurer account for spending, and categorizing charges to different committees, for specific events.

The budget will be balanced monthly and reported to the membership every quarter in 2023 for recommendations and possible revisions

#### **Vice -President Report: Bootsie Durand**

Planning continues for Dans Le Jardin, May 20<sup>th</sup>,2023. Details and Registration information will be emailed today.

### **Past President Report: Juan Nieto**

Juan provided an Overhead report of the Speaker's Bureau Activities. The February program in Scott was well attended. Speakers are also scheduled for March 15 and 18<sup>th</sup> ( email to follow) Juan also showed a schedule for the Ask a Master Gardener table at upcoming events. He has openings for volunteers for Festival des Fleurs and a Spring Fest at Moncus Park. He is still looking for someone to Chair this committee.

Volunteers are also needed for the Spring Plant Sale. Contact Heather Warner-Finley to sign up.

Juan also stated that emails will be sent out regarding a maintenance schedule for refurbishing the greenhouse ( washing, painting , glass replacement) . Repairs are also needed to the pergola and irrigation system.

### **Corresponding Secretary: Meagan Stogsdill**

Megan sent out the membership roster for 2023 ( includes Active, Inactive, 2021 MG Class, 2022 MG class and volunteer committees). She will send one updated Roster later this month, then there will not be another update until August when the 2023 class begins. If anyone needs to have changes made or to submit late dues or forms to be active, they should do so ASAP. She also mentioned that current membership cards were printed for all paid members who had completed and reported hours for 2022. The cards were distributed at the meeting.

If members are interested in joining the MG Facebook ( closed group), you need to answer the questions and list you name as it appears on the MG Roster. Meagan can assist if you have questions.

### **Membership Chairman: Louann McClelland- Long:**

Louann reminded that required hours for 2023 are 20 hours for volunteer activities and 6 hours of continuing education. Several members reported not being able to record their hours on the LSU Ag website. This was due to

maintenance on the site. Please try again at a different time. If problems continue, contact Louann.

Mary Gladney announced that Jeanell Menard will take a break as MG email coordinator. Rusty Petitjean will replace her. Member emails should still be sent to [Lafmgemails@gmail.com](mailto:Lafmgemails@gmail.com). for membership distribution.

**Recording Secretary: Mary Kramer** (no report)

**Member at Large: Christine Devenport** ( no report)

**Newsletter : Mary Gladney** ( no report)

**LSU Ag Center: Maddox Miller**

Maddox welcomed a transfer member, Edward Wharton, who recently moved from Beaumont, Tx.

He sent a recent email asking for MG volunteers to man the phones at the Lafayette Parish Ag office. Members can serve on Thursday (4 hours per week) beginning March 2 to May 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Maddox if you have problems with scheduling on the website.

Maddox also requested that all Committee Chairs send a more detailed quarterly report of activities ( dates, time, place(s) for a report to LSU ( Risk Management)). He also requested that if anyone has an accident, or health issue, while attending an event to report it to his office ASAP.

School Garden plants will be delivered around March 15, 2023.

**Committee Reports:**

**Meredith's Place:** Theresa Guidry Gave a report on the garden set- up, February 17 and 20, 2023. She recognized the MG volunteers who assisted and who have signed up to be part of the ongoing project.

**Spring Social:** Pam Womack and Theresa Guidry announced that the 2023 Spring Social will be held on May 3, 2023 at Moncus Park, 5:30-7:30 PM. We will meet near the Vendor's Area, under the Oak Trees. Parking will be free and tours of the park will be held. More information to follow.

**Healer's Garden:** Mary Ann Armbruster announced that the Healer's Garden will host the "Healing Traditions of Acadiana" on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the Performance Center at Vermilionville, 300 Fisher Road in Lafayette. The speaker will be Corinne Martin, Herbalist, and author.

**Pine Straw Sale:** John Hebert announced that the dates for the Spring Pine Straw Sale ( tentative per ULL approval) will be March 31 and April 1,2023. Cost will be \$15 per bale. Limit of 20 bales per MG, as provider's limit is 440 bales. Deadline for ordering is March 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be sent out soon.

**Treasurer's Report: Angela Moles**

Angela provided Overhead view of the 2023 Budget that was emailed to the membership. Specific questions were asked about Budget items. Angela, and the finance committee (Judy Higgins and John Hebert) provided information. Mary Ann Armbruster moved that the budget be accepted, Pam Womack seconded. Vote was called by show of hands. Budget was accepted as submitted.

**Guest Speaker: Dan Devenport : Retired LSU Ag Horticulture Agent and MG**

Dan provided information and demonstration on propagation by Air Layering. He emphasized that the best time to Air Layer is now, when plants are sprouting and putting out tender growth. He likes to use a matt knife when forming a gridle on the stem. He provided a handout on air layering for woody and herbaceous plants.

**Old Business: none**

**New Business: none**

71 MGs attended the meeting. Door prize won by Jahmilah Sekhmet.

The next General Meeting will be on April 5, 2023 at Southside Library. Guest Speaker will be Mary Courville, Louisianan Wildflower Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Kramer, Recording Secretary

