

**LPMGA Mission Statement:** The Lafayette Parish Master Gardeners Association, Inc. assists the LSU AgCenter in educating Lafayette and surrounding areas about horticulture and environmental stewardship through the transmission of factual, research-based information.

**LPMGA Vision Statement:** Growing a vibrant, green, and healthy community through Horticulture Education



### **LPMGA General Membership Meeting Minutes Wednesday, June 6, 2018/12:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** LPMGA Vice President, Juan Nieto, called the General Membership Meeting to order and welcomed members and guests at approximately 12:34 PM.

#### **School Garden Initiative:**

Linda Bety discussed the School Garden Initiative goals

Committee members presented activities at the different schools

Dan Devenport suggested that he be contacted when there are issues with the School Gardens

**Vice President,** Juan Nieto introduced speaker, Dr. Stuart Gauthier who discussed cold damaged plants. The 2017/2018 winter has been the coldest in our area since 1989. March 4<sup>th</sup> is the average date of the last frost in our area, the latest on record is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Stuart recommended that late February/early March is a good time to fertilize citrus trees and is also a good time to plant citrus trees. He said we can use nitrogen at bloom time and again late May/early June. He reminded us that fertilizer should be applied at the drip line.

**President,** MaryAnn Armbruster, greeted all in attendance and asked for approval of minutes. Ellen Grote moved that the minutes be approved, Pam Womack seconded. The motion passed.

MaryAnn discussed the need for all committees to have a chair person and co-chair and encouraged the committee chairs to find co-chairs.

LAF MG Web Master, Karen Willingham, is working to update our web site. Karen is looking for a co-chair.

Volunteers are needed for Festival des Fleurs and our plant sale.

**Corresponding Secretary,** Ellen Garacci, told us that she sent four sympathy/get well cards during the past month.

Membership cards have been printed for the paid and active members. Cards will be available during membership meetings and at our greenhouse on Wednesdays during propagation.

Ellen discussed the XL version of our Membership Roster:

To enlarge the online XL document, touch the top left corner to capture the page, then increase the size.

To return to original size, top the back arrow on the top left.

S = Sustaining member  
Purple = 2017 class members  
Red = Meritorious members

Inactive members are members that have not paid their dues or have not recorded their volunteer hours. If you entered your volunteer hours but they are not being recorded, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jay Ruffin.

ruffinjrjay1103@gmail.com  
337-281-2749

We are trying to obtain emergency contact information for each member. Please submit this information to Ellen.

frankellen@cox.net  
337-967-0130

The Spring Horticulture Hints will be available at the April membership meeting.

**Recording Secretary**, Patricia Soileau, reported that there are 62 people in attendance at the meeting.

The board approved purchase of an external hard drive to store all MG minutes.

**Treasurer:** Debbie Garrene Dupuy (not present)

**Member-At-Large:** Jacob Williams (not present)

**Ag Agent**, Dan Devenport, stated that we have insurance for Festival des Fleurs for active members only.

Code of Conduct forms must be signed by all members each year.

Garden Talks will be held at All Seasons Nursery  
2974 Johnston Street  
337-264-1418

**Newsletter Editor**, Theresa Rohloff, requested that submissions be made by the 17<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you are not receiving the newsletter, please check your Spam folder. If it is not there, contact Theresa at newsletter@lpmga.org

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Jr. MG**, Martha Giroir, is looking for volunteers to help with the Children's booth during Festival des Fleur.  
martha.giroir@lusfiber.net  
337-962-2480

**Merchandise** chair person, Peggy Taylor, stated that the deadline to order T-shirts is Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Raffle Tickets** – Babette Werner is selling Raffle tickets that will be drawn during Festival des Fleurs.  
babsvwerner@aol.com  
337-258-6411

**Pine Straw Sale** – Colette Anzalone stated that pine straw will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The location will be at the near the student housing located down Coliseum drive, 1<sup>st</sup> gravel drive on the left. Contact Colette @  
ministries@shbroussard.org  
337-288-0283

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LARC** – Chuck Schrader will be working with LARC members to establish a vegetable garden. He is looking for volunteers to assist. He needs two volunteers, weekdays from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Will take whatever time you can provide. Contact Chuck at:  
chuckandkateschrader@gmail.com  
215-801-5474

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the Ira Nelson library.

Our next membership meeting is Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at noon at the downtown branch of the Lafayette Public Library.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, MaryAnn Armbruster requested a motion to adjourn. Theresa Rohloff moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Pam Womack 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted by:  
Patricia Soileau  
LPMGA Recording Secretary